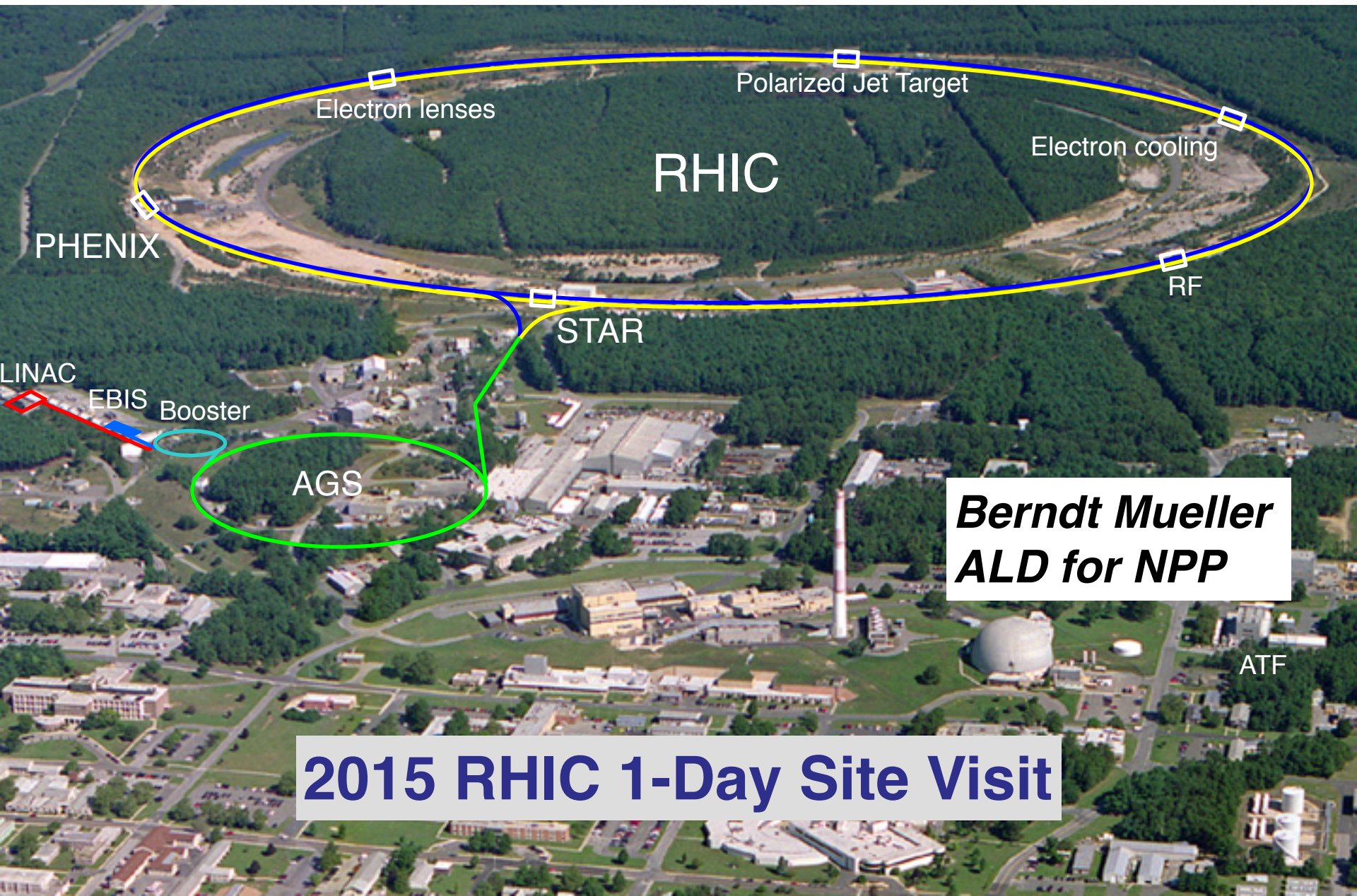


RHIC S&T Overview



***Berndt Mueller
ALD for NPP***

2015 RHIC 1-Day Site Visit

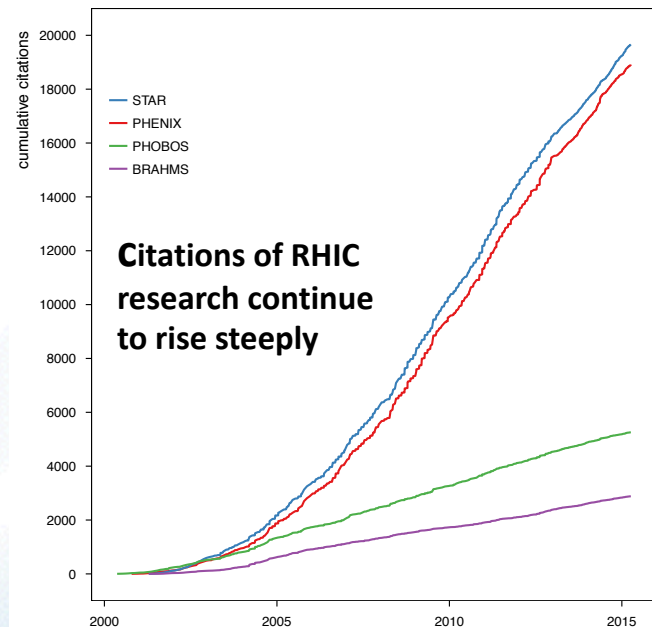
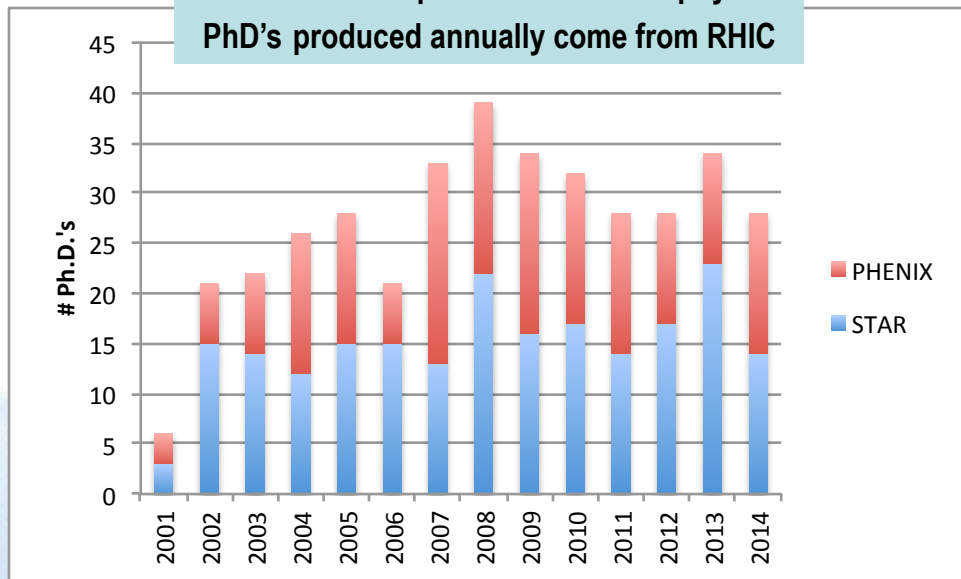
Agenda

- **RHIC Status and overview of RHIC Run 15**
- **Plans for RHIC Run 16 and 17**
- **Recent science highlights**
- **Longer-range science and facility upgrade goals**
- **Collaboration management**
- **Budget issues**

RHIC: Productivity and Impact

Collaboration	Total # Refereed Papers	Total # Citations for Ref'd Papers	# PRL's	# Citations for 2005 White Paper	Position Among Most Cited NP Papers 2001-14	# Papers with >250 Citations
PHENIX	142	18,812	66	1,923	4	17
STAR	171	19,673	65	2,008	3	19
PHOBOS	39	4,999	15	1,488	5	1
BRAHMS	22	3,477	10	1,462	6	3
Total	374	46,961	156	5,943	4 in top 10	40

About 40% of experimental nuclear physics
PhD's produced annually come from RHIC



RHIC related awards (2015)

- Ernest O. Lawrence Award:
 - Mei Bai
- APS Bonner Prize:
 - M. Gyulassy & H. Wieman
- APS Feshbach Prize:
 - L. McLerran
- BNL S&T Award:
 - Flemming Videbaek
- ATLAS Thesis Award
 - Dennis Perepelitsa
- Excellence Professor (U Heidelberg)
 - Raju Venugopalan

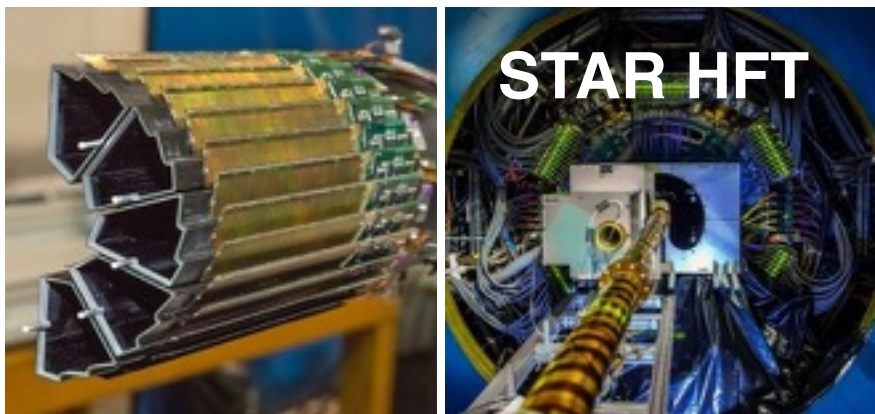
Mei Bai



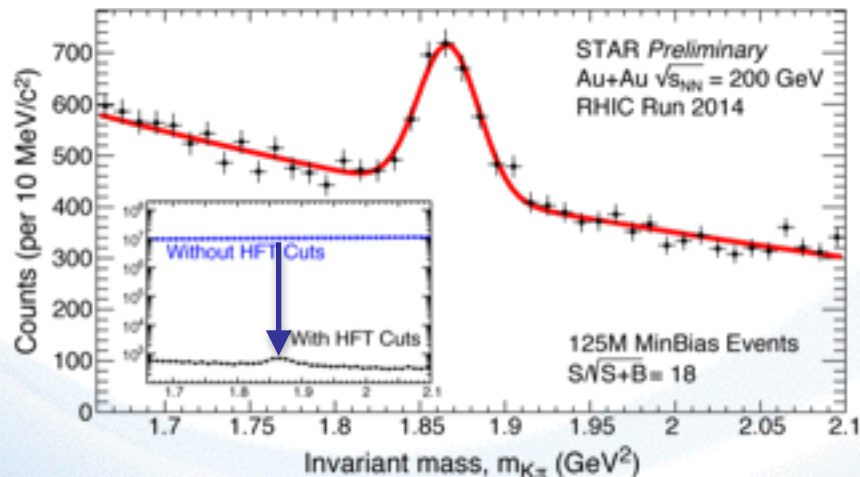
Presented today
at DOE HQ

RHIC: Recent Detector Upgrades

Fully reconstruct open charm/beauty hadrons with displaced vertex

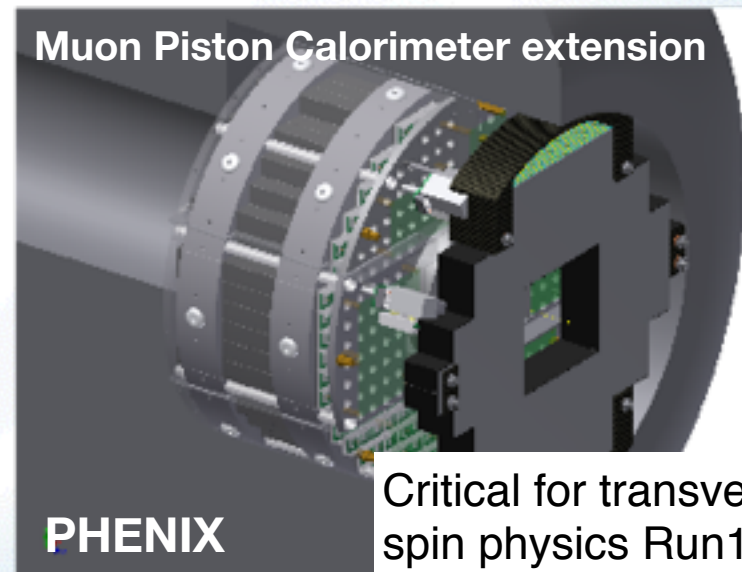


Completed on schedule and below cost



Muon Telescope Detector (STAR)

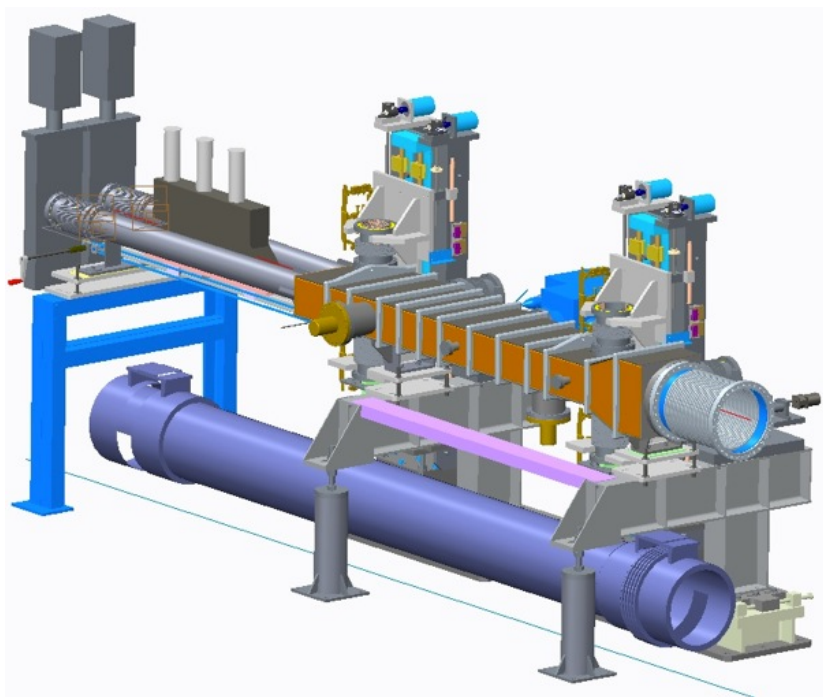
Enhances triggering capabilities for heavy quarkonia



Muon Piston Calorimeter extension

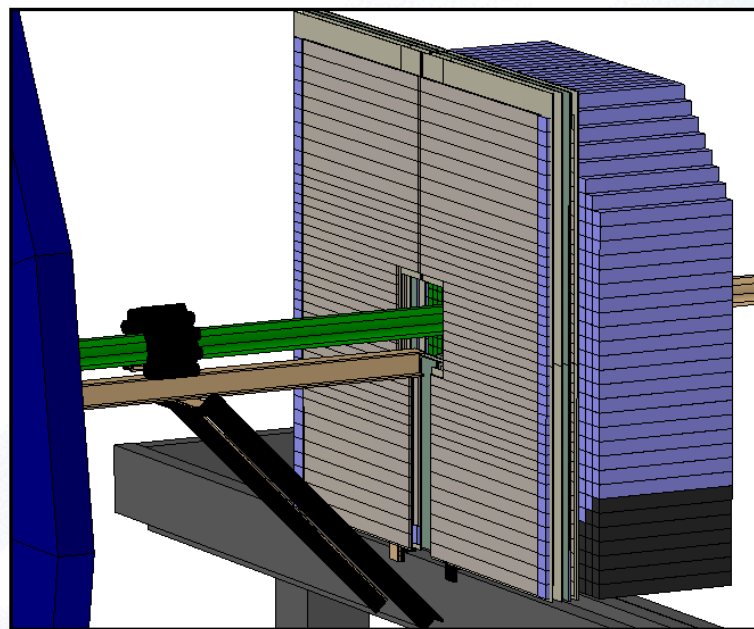
Critical for transverse spin physics Run15

Small STAR upgrades



**Roman Pots tag
diffractive protons**

Forward Meson Spectrometer with Pre-shower Detector

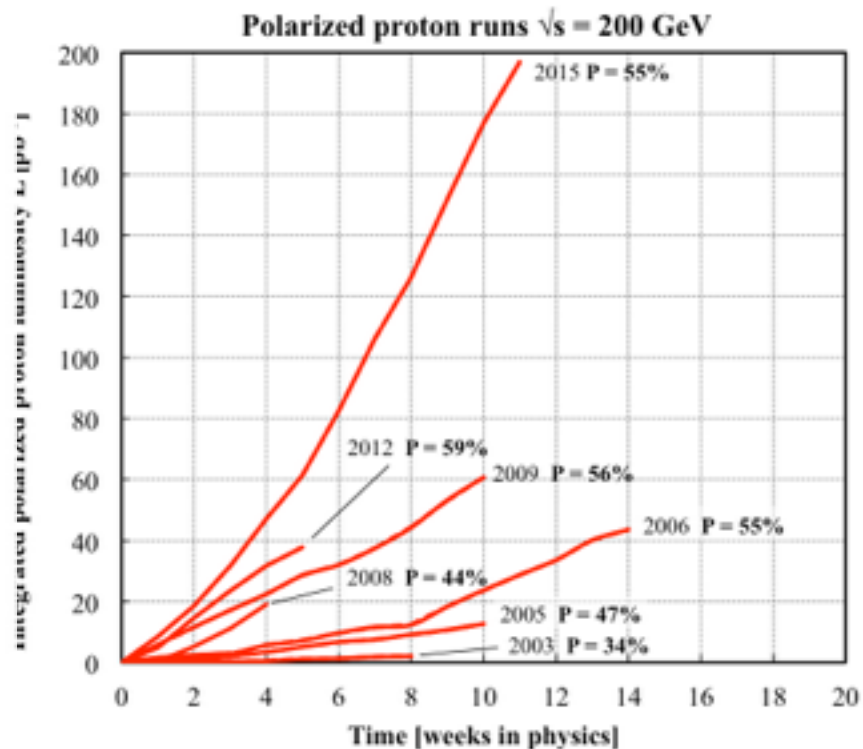
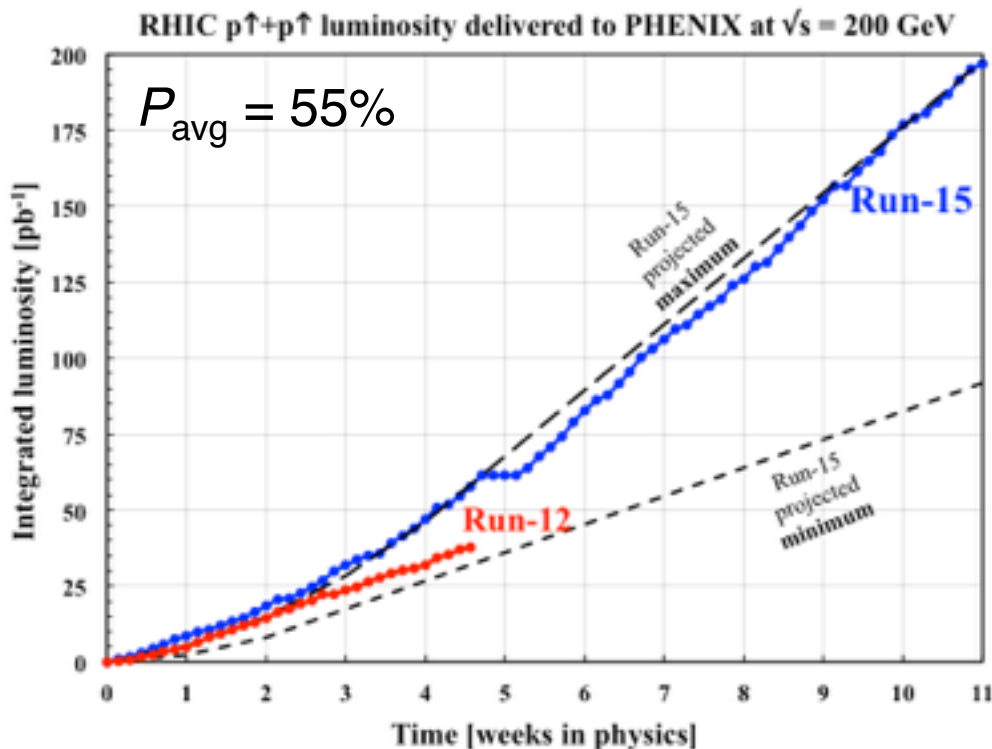


RHIC sets new records ...

Run-15 $p\uparrow+p\uparrow$ at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV

$L = 25 \text{ pb}^{-1}/\text{week}$ (2.7×2012)

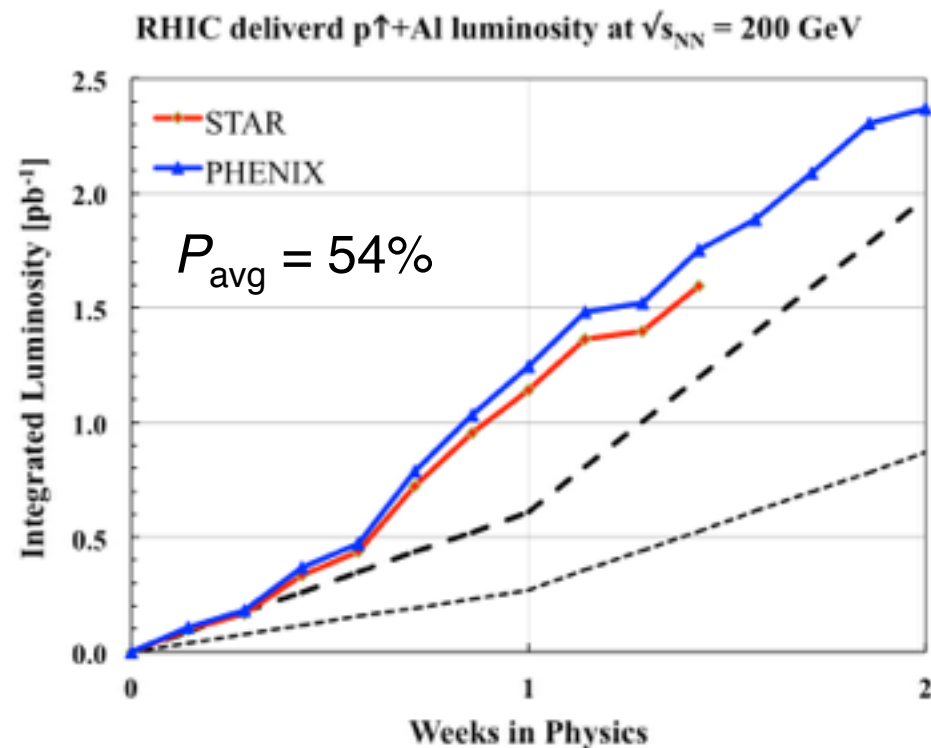
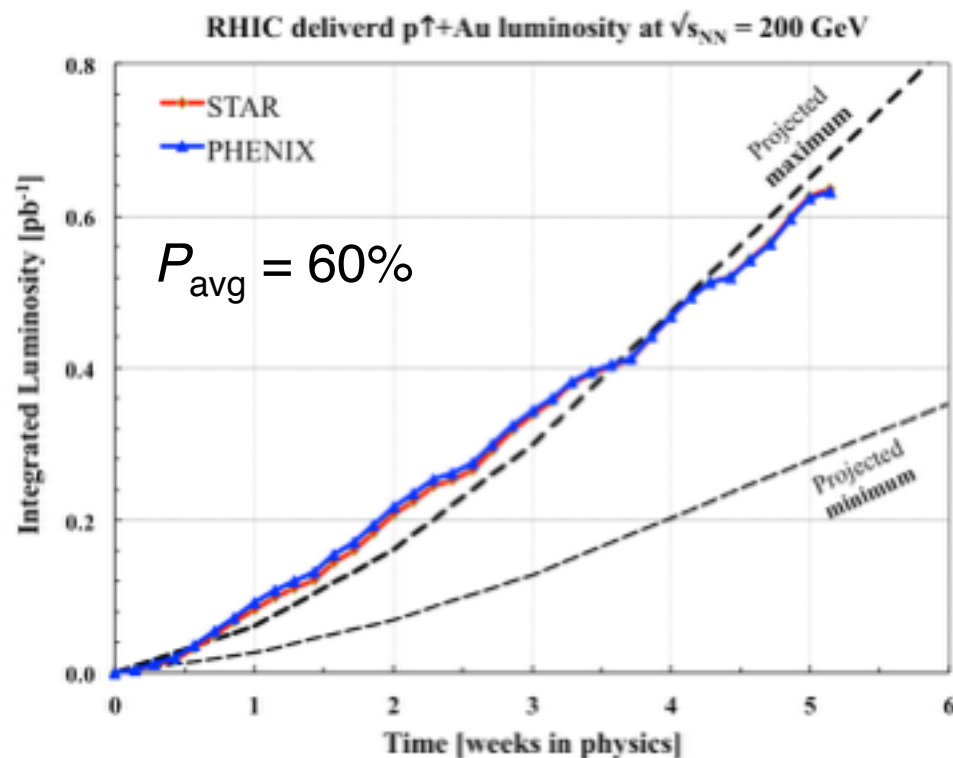
Run-15 integrated luminosity at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV exceeds sum of all previous runs



... and shows its versatility

Run-15 **p↑+Au** and **p↑+Al** at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV

2 new (asymmetric) operating modes – met or exceeded luminosity goals



Run 16 & 17 plans

PAC recommendations (in order of priority):

Run-16

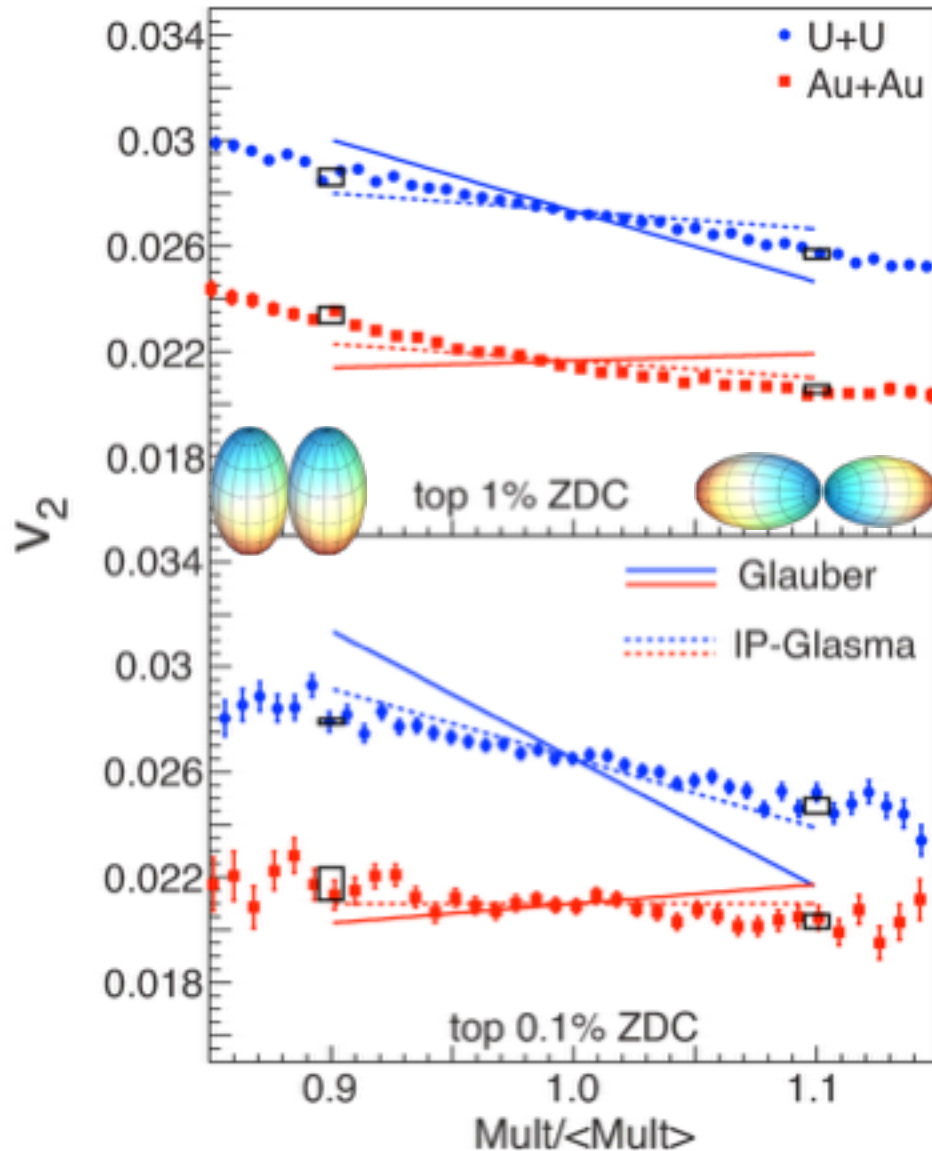
- Au+Au at 100 GeV, 10 weeks
56 MHz SRF, further increase in bunch intensity
- Au+p \uparrow (or p \uparrow +Au or d+Au) at 100, 31.2, 20, 10 GeV/nucleon, 5 weeks
PHENIX / STAR protection, task force set up
- p \uparrow +p \uparrow at 31.2 GeV, 2 weeks
- Au+Au at 31.2 GeV, up to 4 weeks

Run-17

- p \uparrow +p \uparrow at 255 GeV, ≥ 11 weeks
- Ru+Ru and Zr+Zr ($A = 96$ in both cases)
- p \uparrow +p \uparrow at energies matching p+Au (d+Au) energy scan

Science Highlights

Shape Matters: U+U Collisions

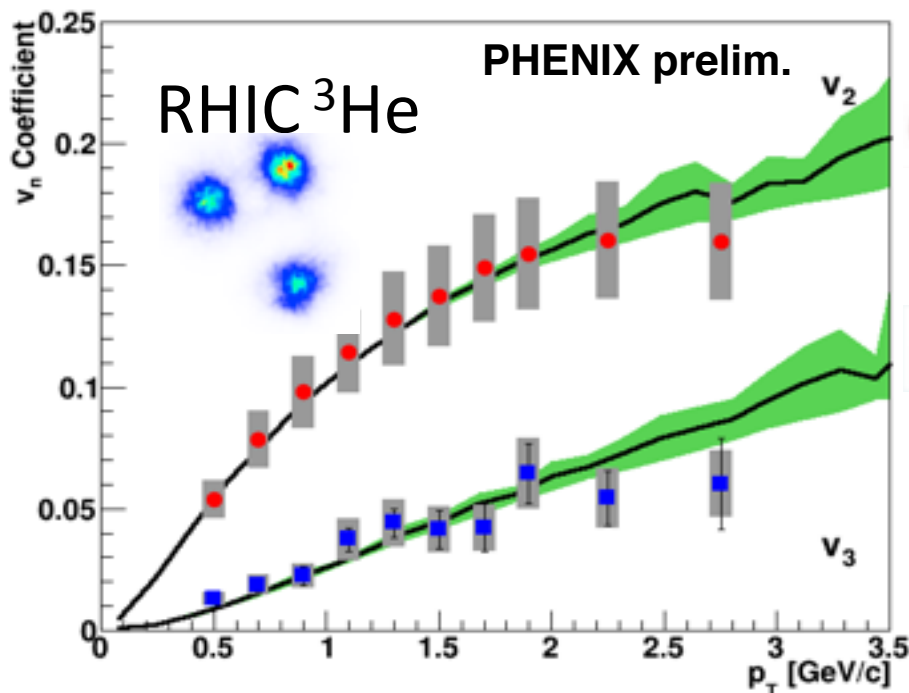


STAR Collaboration
arXiv:1505.07812

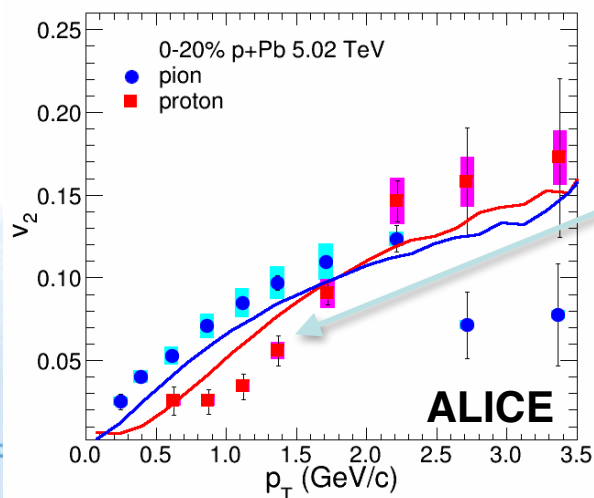
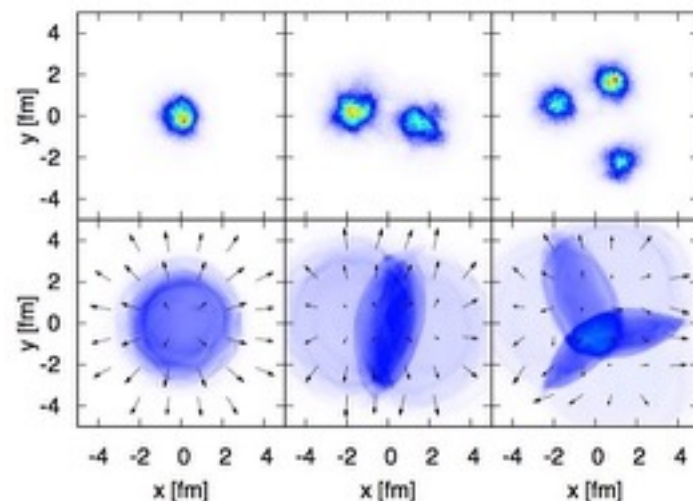
IP-Glasma model, but not NN Glauber model, consistent with observations.

→ Initial state fluctuations occur at the parton level

How small can a QGP droplet be?

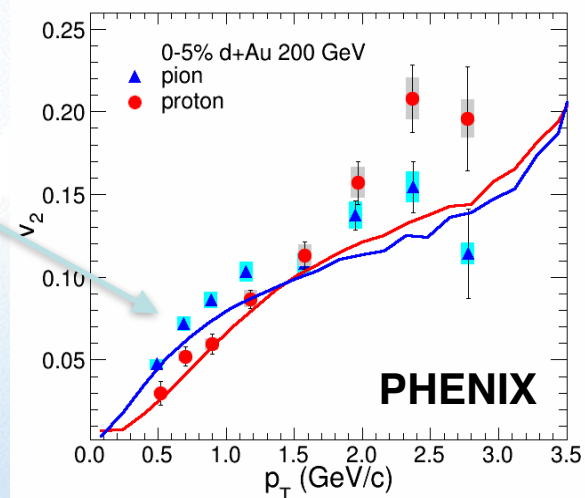


Very successful 3-week run resulted
in 2.2 billion recorded minimum bias
 $^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$ collisions (PHENIX)



Characteristic differential
elliptic flow for hadrons
of different mass

p+Au run will be
a critical test

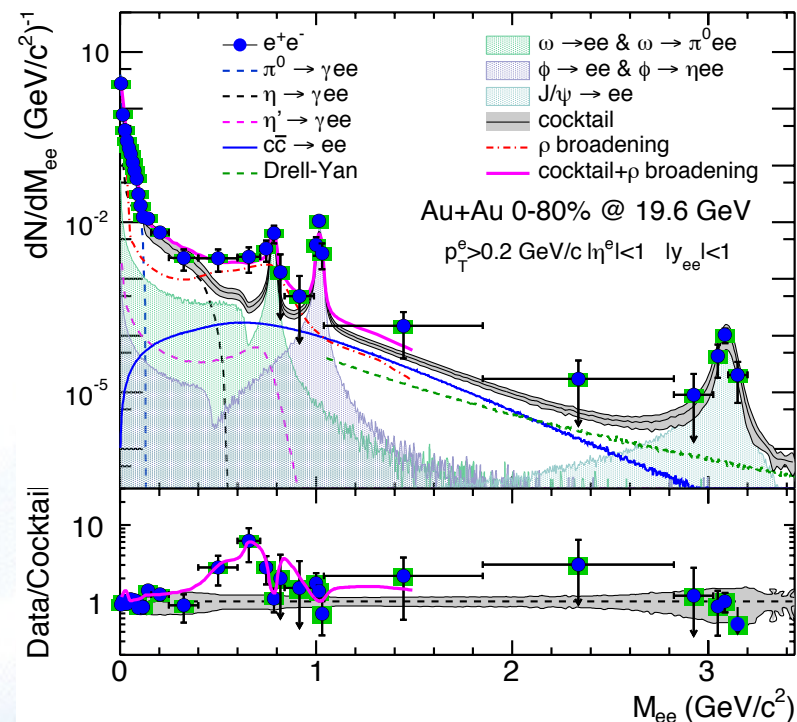
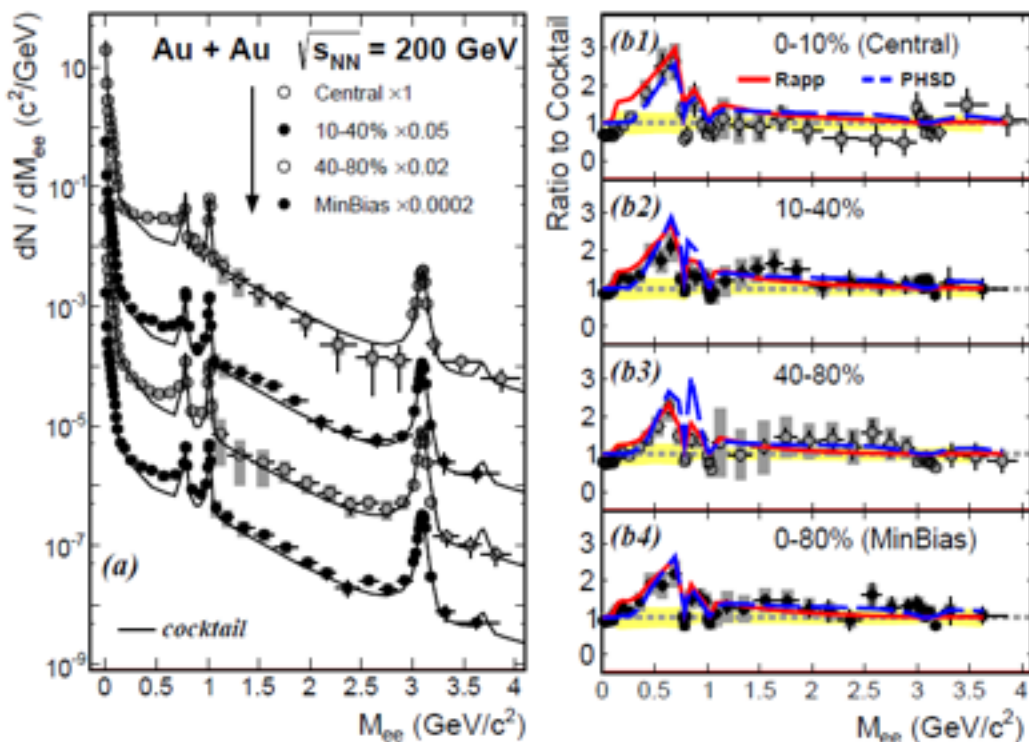


Chiral Symmetry Restoration

Significant excess is observed in $0.3 < M_{ee} < 0.8 \text{ GeV}/c^2$, representing the hot, dense medium contribution; described by a broadened ρ spectra function. Mapping the temperature and baryon-density dependence toward Chiral Symmetry Restoration (BES II goals)

Phys. Rev. Lett. 113 (2014) 22301
arXiv: 1504.01317, submitted to PRC

arXiv:1501.05341, submitted to PLB



Chiral Magnetic wave

Editors' Suggestion

Observation of Charge Asymmetry Dependence of Pion Elliptic Flow and the Possible Chiral Magnetic Wave in Heavy-Ion Collisions

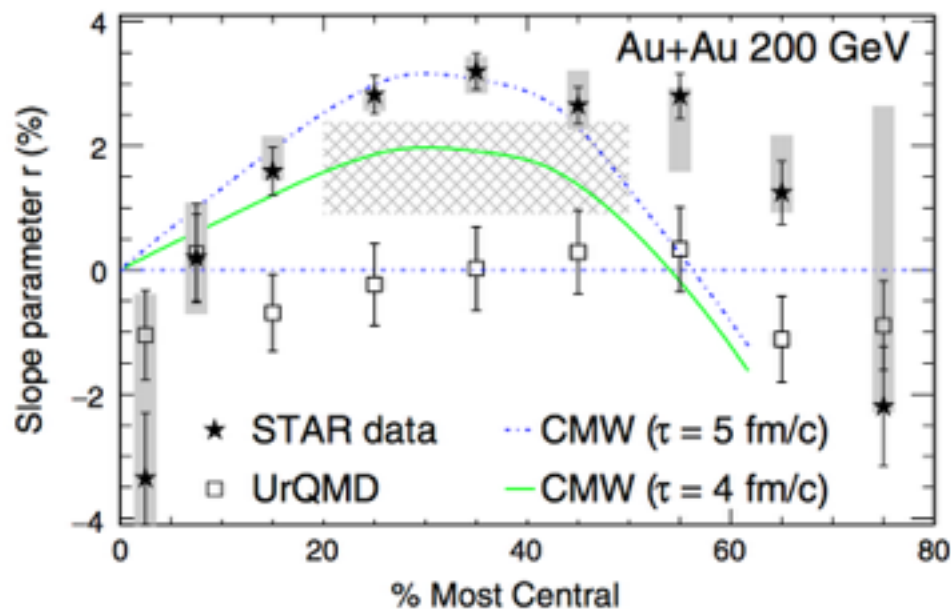
L. Adamczyk *et al.* (STAR Collaboration)

Phys. Rev. Lett. **114**, 252302 (2015) – Published 26 June 2015



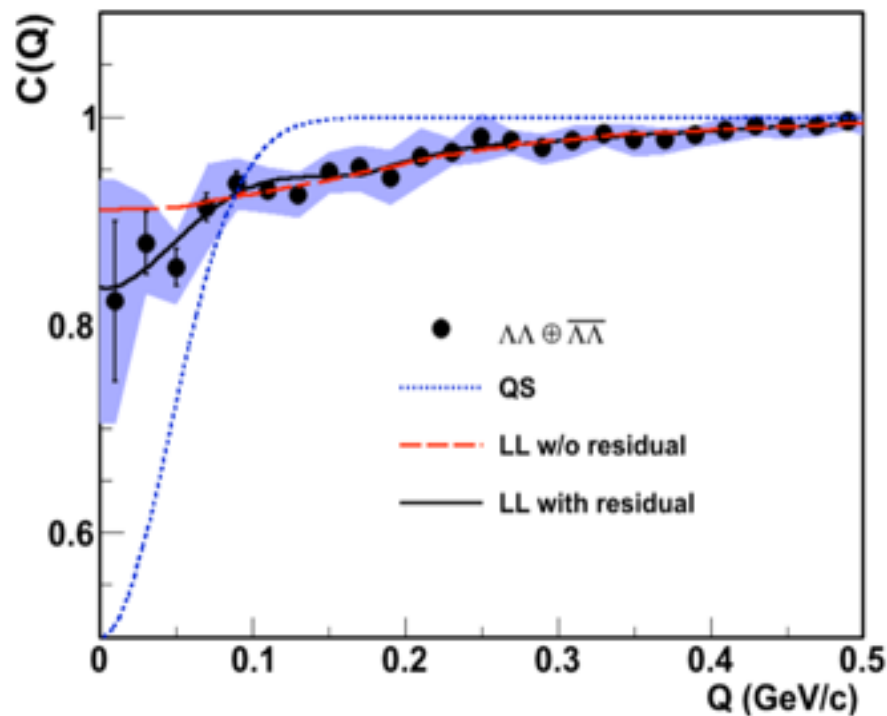
A possible signature of chiral symmetry restoration, in the form of a chiral magnetic wave in the quark-gluon plasma, has been observed in heavy-ion collisions at RHIC.

[Show Abstract +](#)



- STAR has published a few papers on possible Chiral Magnetic Effect and potential background
 - Implication beyond our field
- Continue research:
- U+U collisions
 - BES I results on CME
 - BES II with more statistics
 - Chiral Magnetic Wave
 - Chiral Vortical Effect

Baryon-baryon interactions



- Use RHIC as a hyperon factory to investigate hyperon-hyperon interactions.
- Input to baryon-baryon interaction models and study of the equation of state for neutron stars.
- The $\Lambda\Lambda$ interaction is also closely related to the existence of the H dibaryon postulated in.

Antimatter hypertriton, Science 328 (2010) 58

Antimatter Helium-4, Nature 473 (2011) 353

$\Lambda\Lambda$ Correlation Function, PRL 114 (2015) 022301

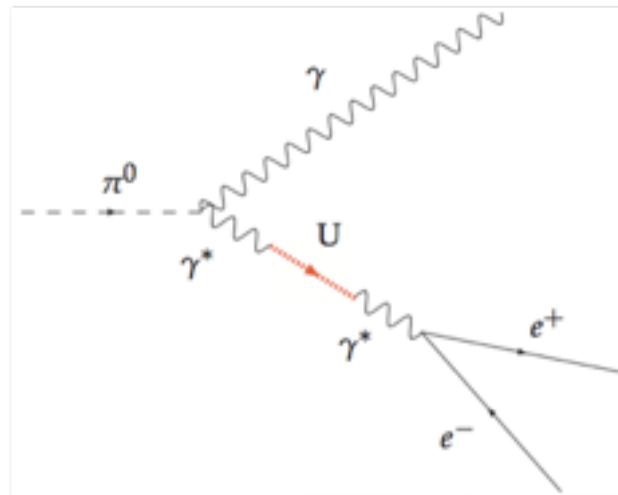
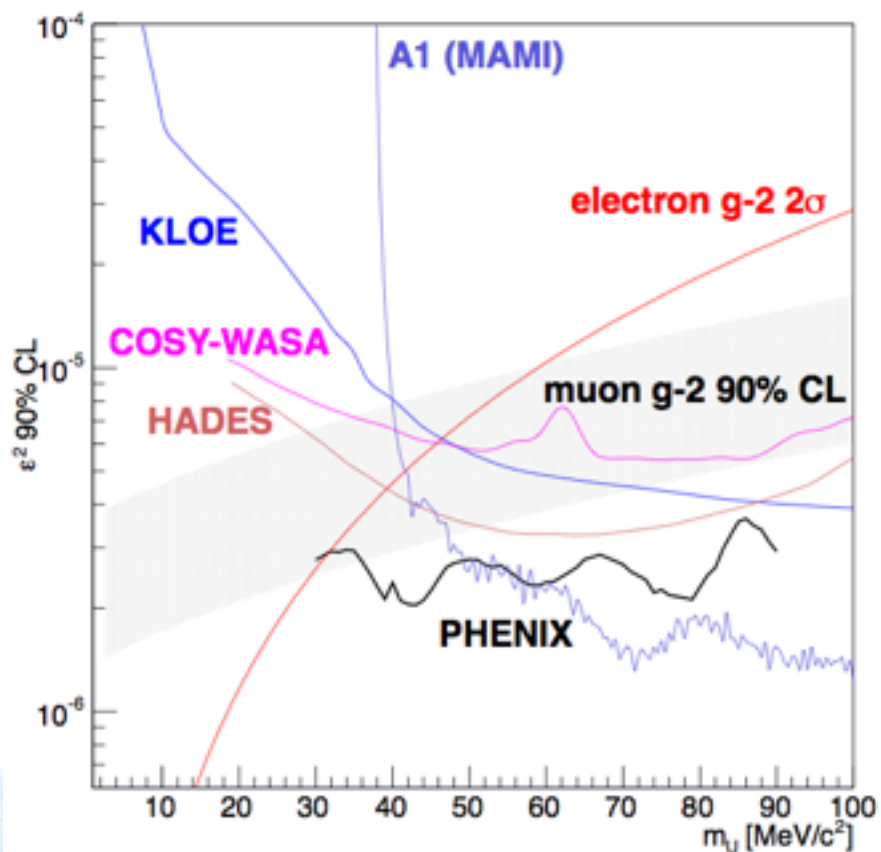
Antimatter nucleon interactions, to be submitted

Antimatter muonic atoms, STAR Preliminary

Glueball Search tagged by Roman Pots, run15

Dark photons?

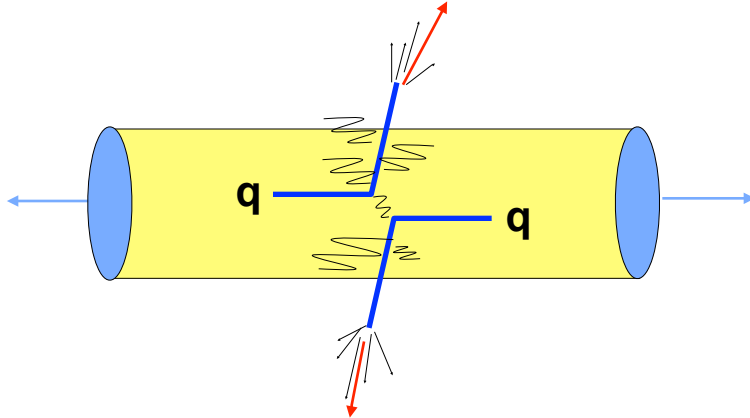
Phys. Rev. D91 (2015) 031901



PHENIX: excellent electron ID and e^+e^- mass resolution – huge sample of π^0 Dalitz decays

Recent combined limits – WASA, HADES, A1, BaBar, **PHENIX**, NA62 – rule out essentially all parameter space for the minimal version of a dark photon explaining the $(g-2)_\mu$ anomaly

Jet quenching



Toward quantitative measurement of basic medium properties: \hat{q}

$$\frac{dE}{dx} = -C_2 \alpha_s \hat{q} L$$

Radiative

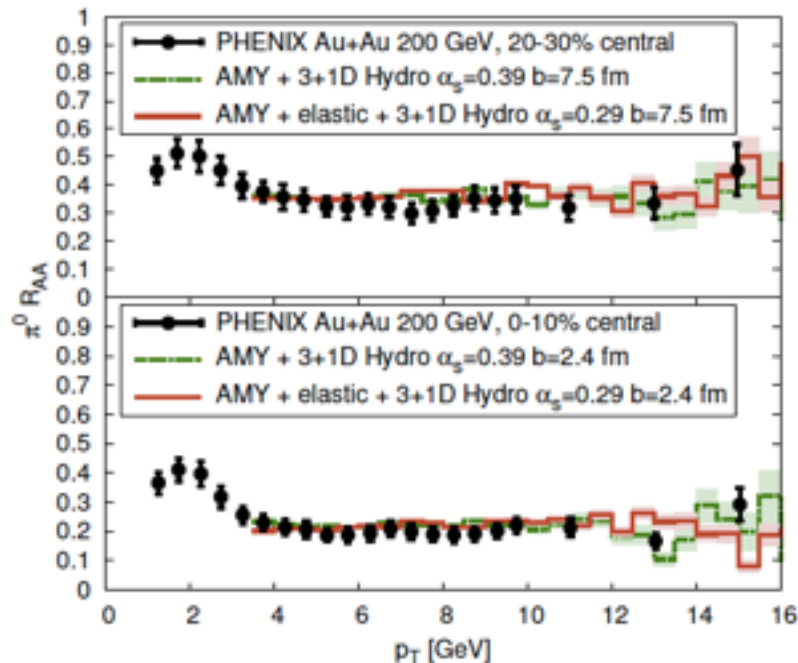
$$\frac{dE}{dx} = -C_2 \hat{e}$$

Collisional

JET Collaboration

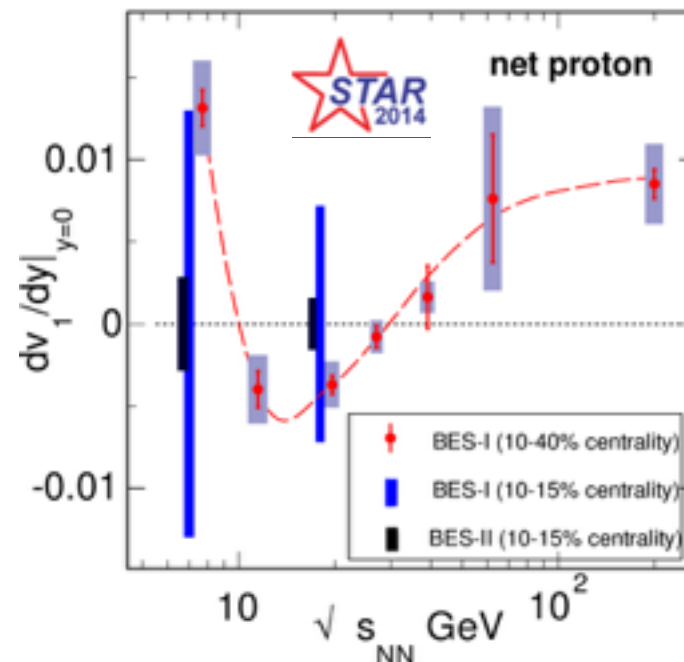
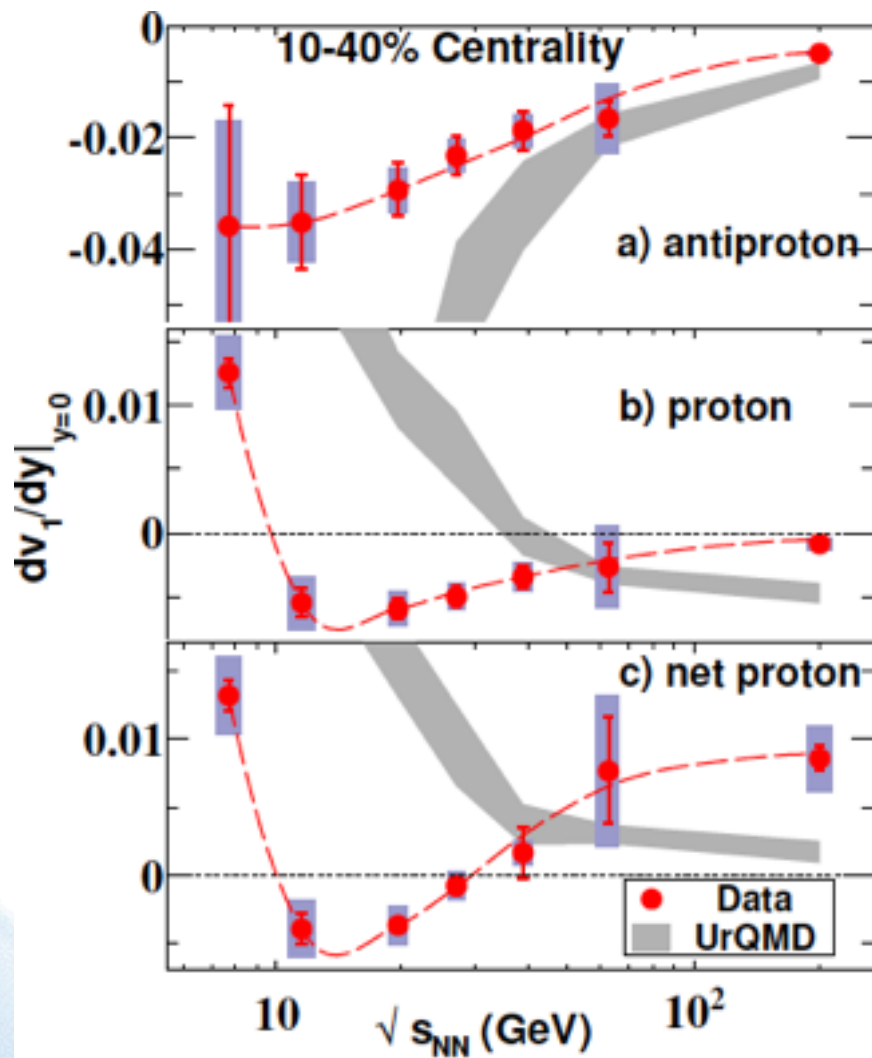
$$\frac{\hat{q}}{T^3} = \begin{cases} 4.6 \pm 1.2 & \text{at RHIC} \\ 3.7 \pm 1.4 & \text{at LHC} \end{cases}$$

Phys. Rev. C 90 (2014) 014909



Topical collaboration concept
proves its merits

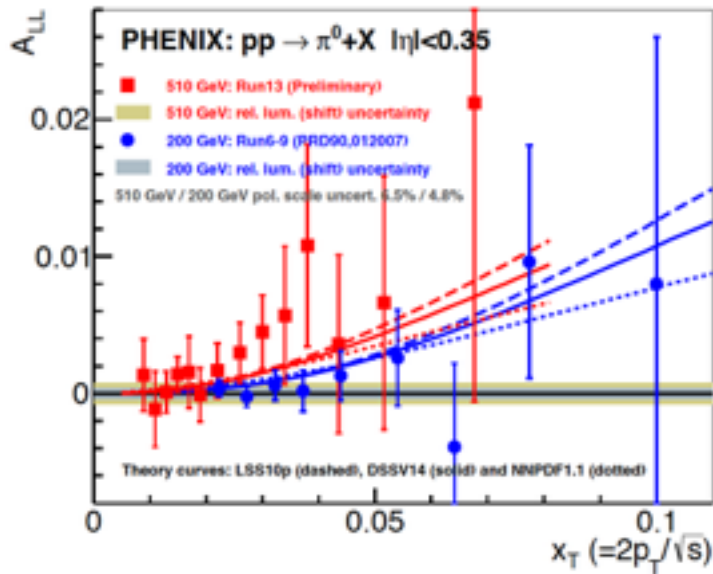
Softening of the Equation of State: v_1



- Minimum in v_1 indicates a **softening equation of state** in the transition region of the phase diagram.
- Precision measurement requires BES-II data allowing dv_1/dy to be measured with tightly specified centrality.

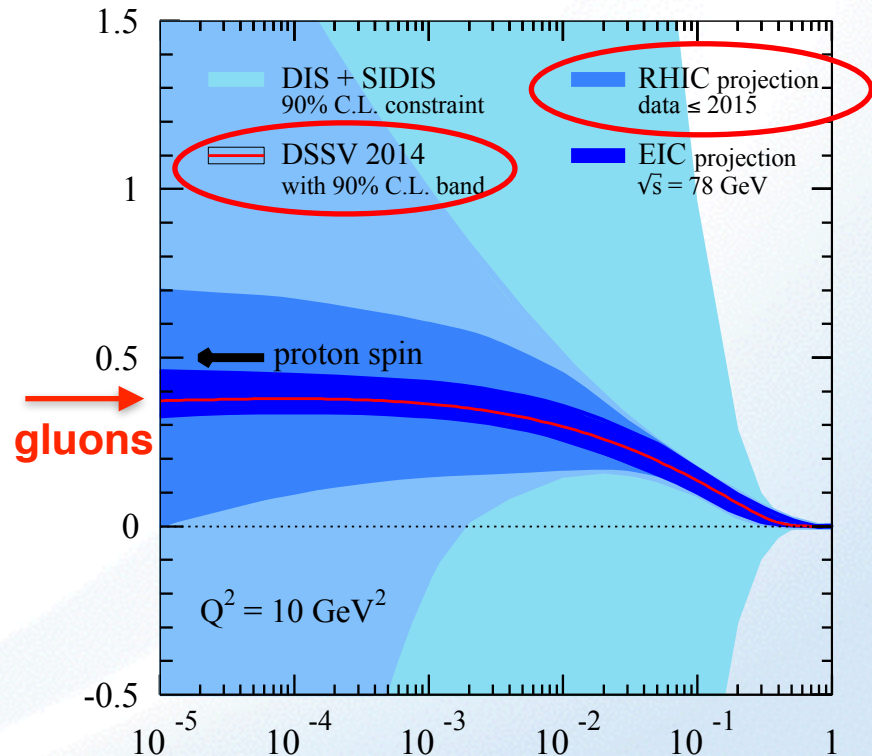
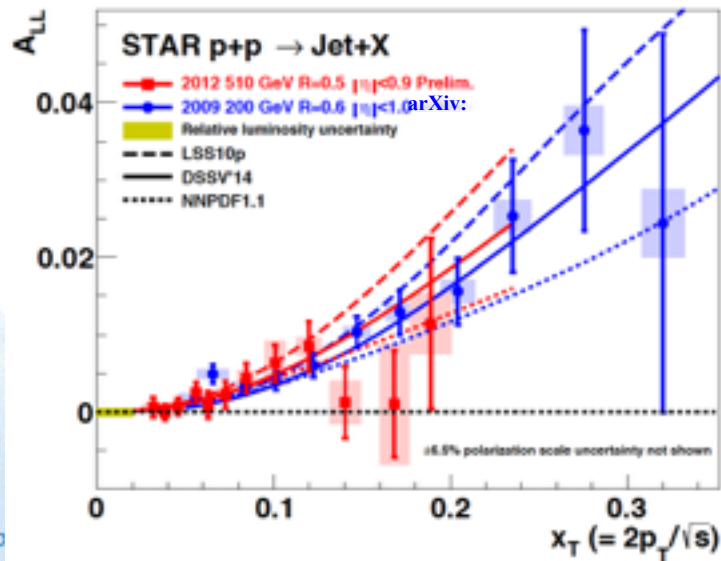
Phys. Rev. Lett, 112 (2014) 162301

Δg from π^0 and jets @ RHIC



$$\int_{0.05}^{1.0} dx \Delta g \sim 0.2 \pm_{0.07}^{0.06} @ 10 \text{ GeV}^2$$

Gluons may contribute 70% of the proton spin

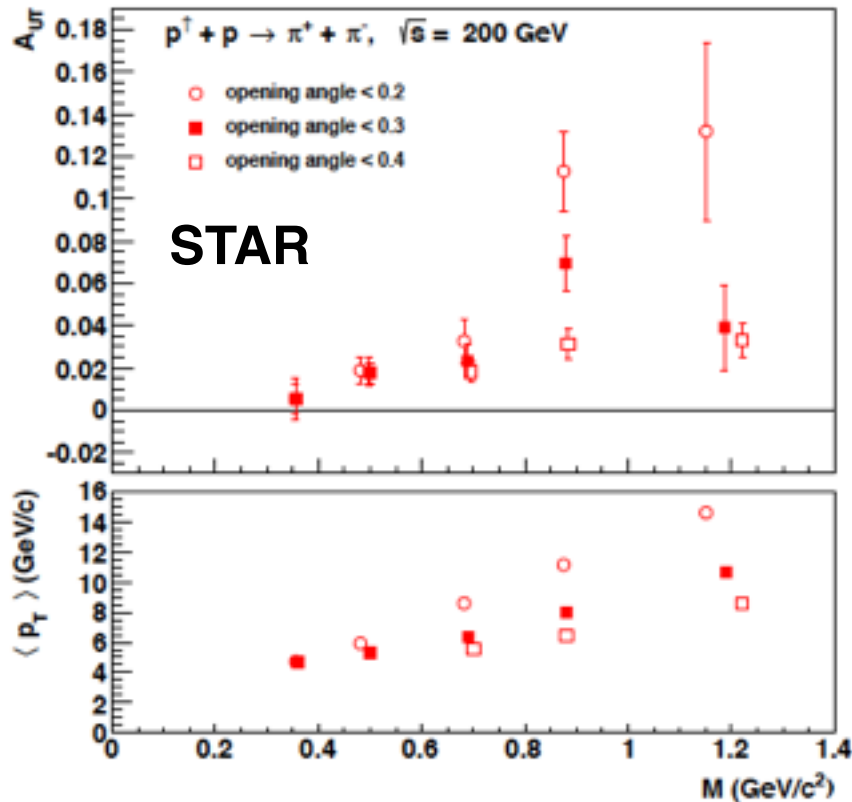


Transverse spin structure of the proton

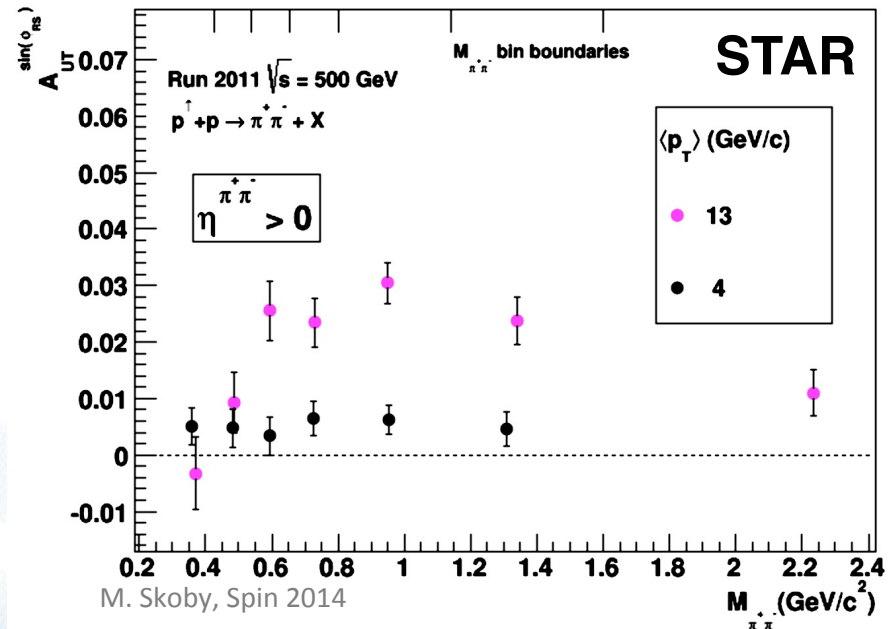
Transverse single spin asymmetries (TSSA) give access to transversity δq_f
 \rightarrow critical together with q_f and Δq_f for a complete description of the proton wave function

$p\uparrow + p \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- + X$ transversity x new spin-dependent FF (interference FF)

arXiv:1504.00415 \rightarrow submitted to PRL



- first significant non zero TSSA at mid-rapidity at $\sqrt{s}=200\text{GeV}$ & $\sqrt{s}=500\text{GeV}$
- A_{UT} increasing with p_T



Future Science 2015-22

A whirlwind tour

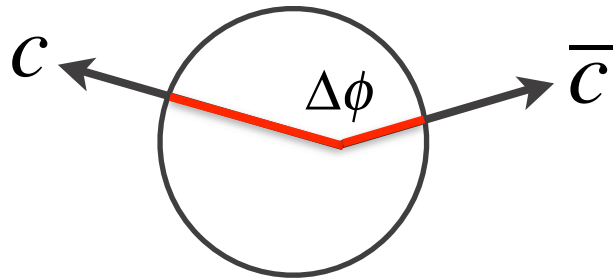
New Questions

- Do the **initial conditions** for the hydrodynamic expansion contain unambiguous information about saturated gluon fields in nuclei?
- What is the smallest collision system that behaves **collectively**?
- What does the **QCD phase diagram** look like? Does it contain a **critical point** in the HG-QGP transition region? Does the HG-QGP transition become a **first-order phase transition** for large μ_B ?
- What is the **structure of the strongly coupled QGP** at varying length scales? What makes it a liquid?
- What do Upsilon states tell us about quark **deconfinement** and **hadronization**?
- What do transversely polarized protons tell us about the **coupled spin-momentum dynamics** of QCD at different scales?

Heavy quarks probes

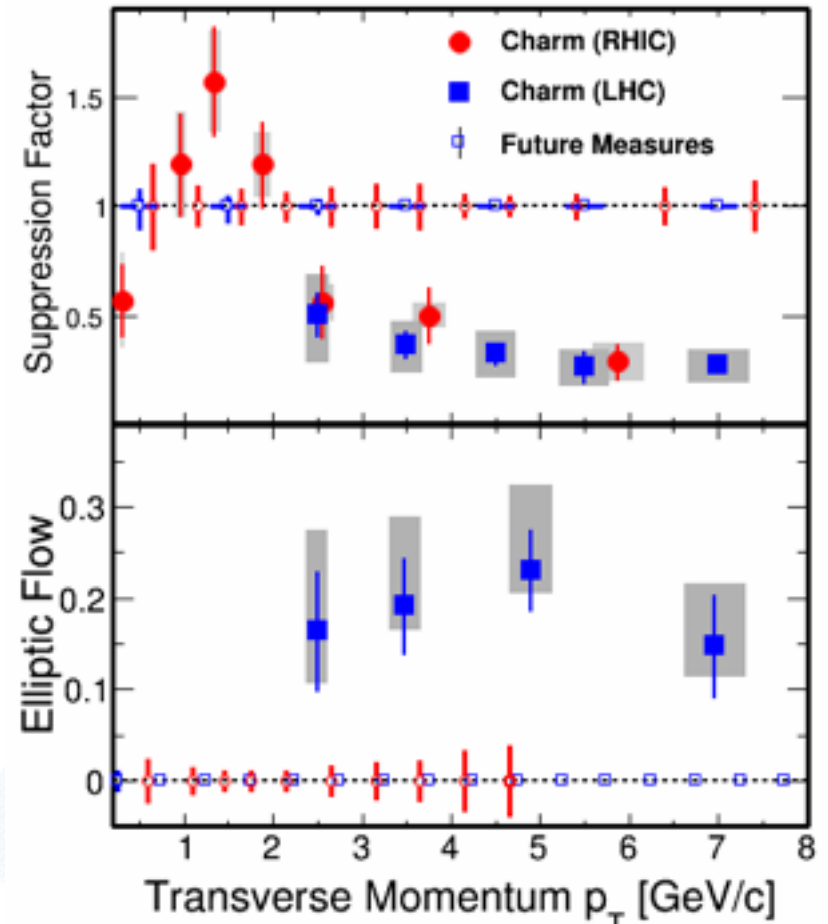
Suppression of mesons carrying open heavy flavor = energy loss of heavy quarks (c , b) explores mechanism of energy loss via medium color response.

Spectrum of heavy quarks is important for predicting c - \bar{c} recombination.



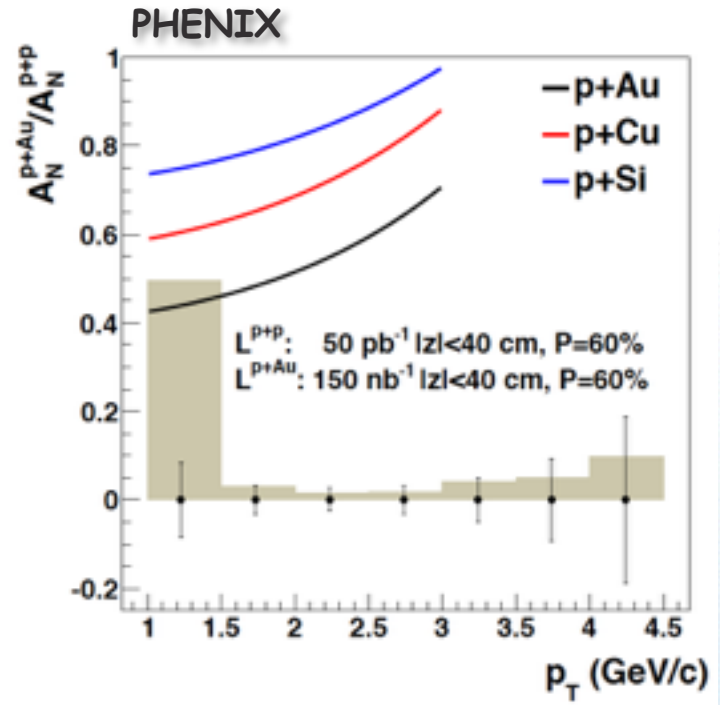
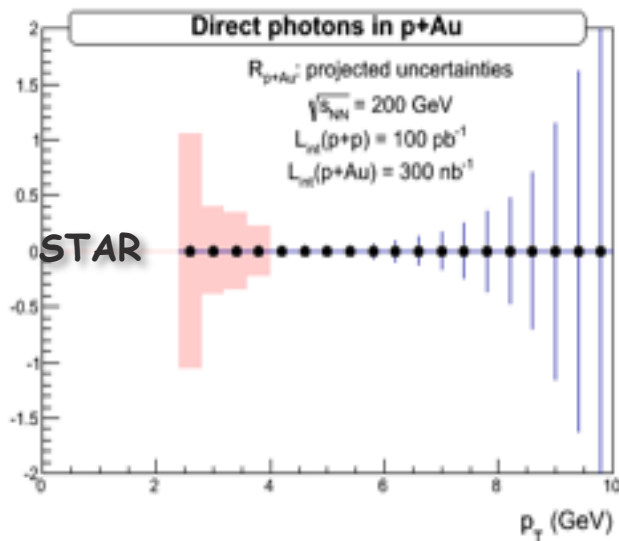
Different mass quarks permit to distinguish different energy loss scenarios

Charm R_{AA} and elliptic flow



Initial conditions for A+A collisions

- unique RHIC capability: $p^\uparrow A$
- Synergy between CGC based theory and transverse spin physics
- Is A_N suppressed with increasing A ?
→ first results run-15



Direct photon measurements can help separate strong interactions in entrance and exit channel in p+A collisions

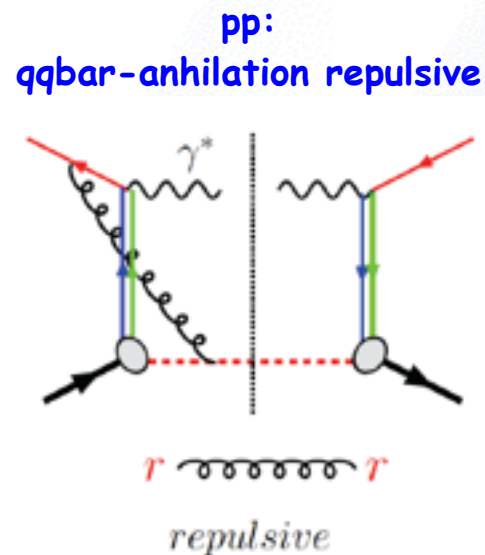
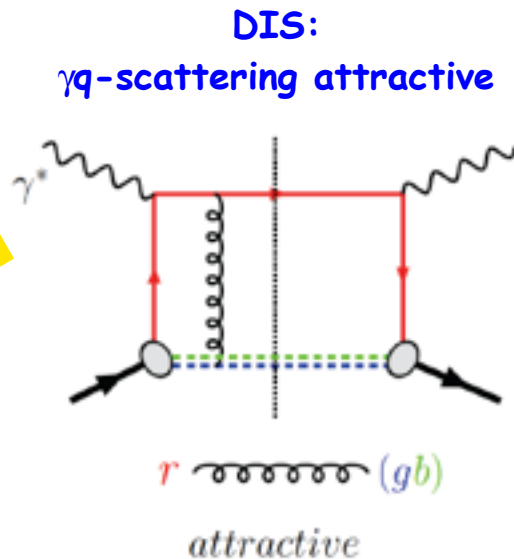
R_{pA} at $3 < \eta < 4$: access to low x ($10^{-4} - 10^{-5}$): First results from Run-15

Transverse polarized p+p collisions

Access the dynamic structure of protons:

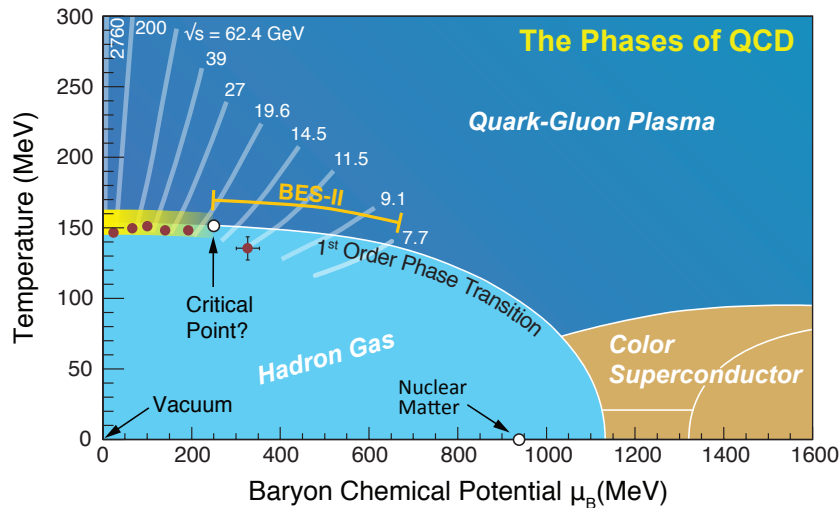
- **Test and confirm QCD structure of color spin interactions**
 - **Non-universality of transverse momentum dependent functions**
 - $\text{Sivers}_{\text{DIS}} = - \text{Sivers}_{\text{pp}}$
 - Observable: A_N for Drell-Yan and $W^{+/-}$ production

Achieves
NP Performance
Milestone HP13
in Run 17?

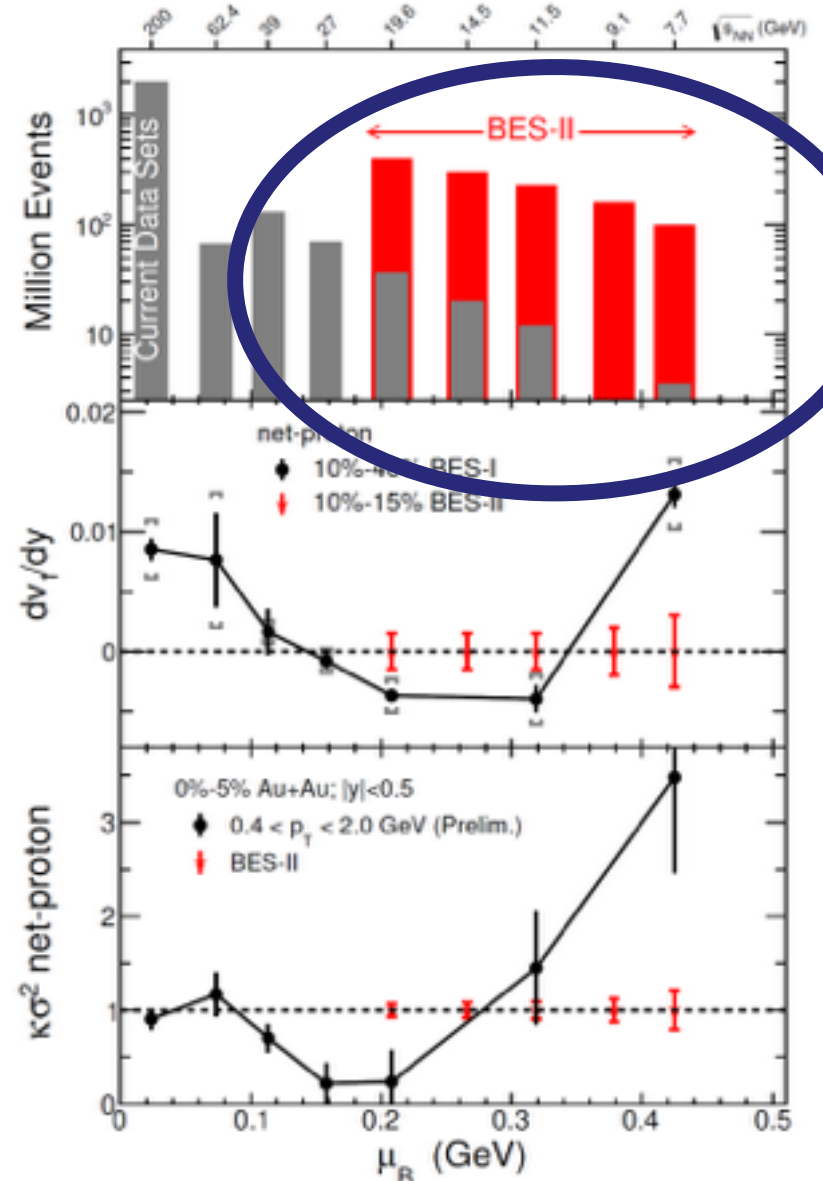
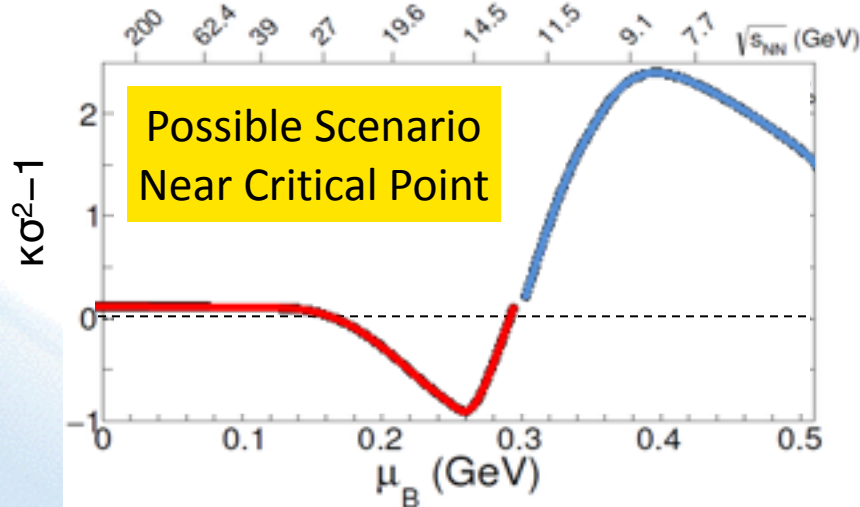


- **Test scale evolution of transverse momentum dependent functions**
 - Observable: compare magnitude of A_N for Drell-Yan and $W^{+/-}$
Scale: DY: $Q^2 \sim 16 \text{ GeV}^2$ $W^{+/-}$: $Q^2 \sim 6400 \text{ GeV}^2$

Toward critical fluctuations



Model independent structure of net baryon number kurtosis



The overarching scientific question:

**How do asymptotically free quarks and gluons
create the near-perfect liquidity of the QGP?**

or

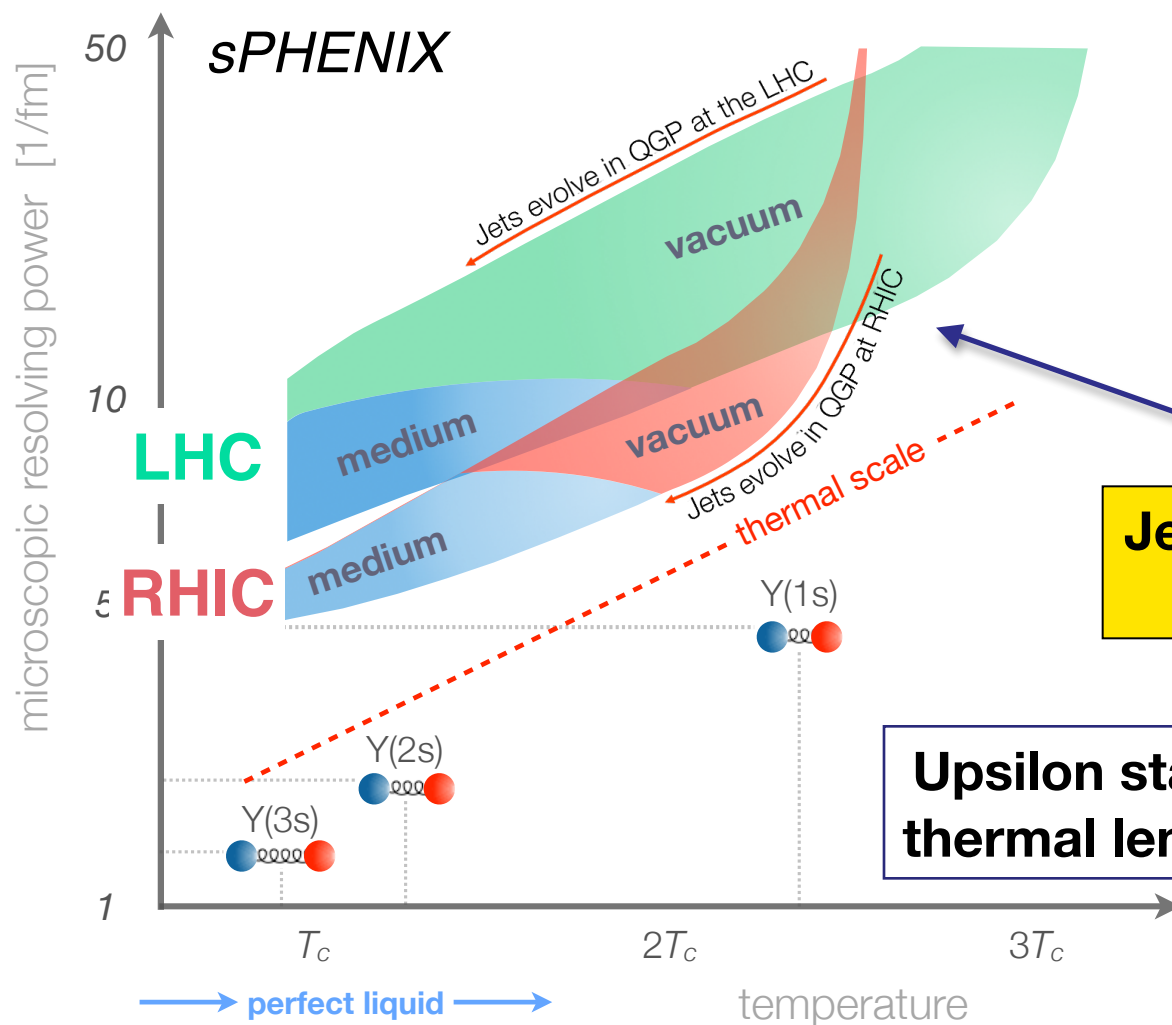
**What degrees of freedom
not manifest in the QCD Lagrangian
produce the near-perfect liquidity of the QGP?**

The (experimental) answer:

**Deploy probes with a resolution that reaches well below
the thermal ~ 1 fm scale of the bulk:**

Jets & Upsilon states

Probing scales in the medium



How does the perfect fluidity of the QGP emerge from the asymptotically free theory of QCD?

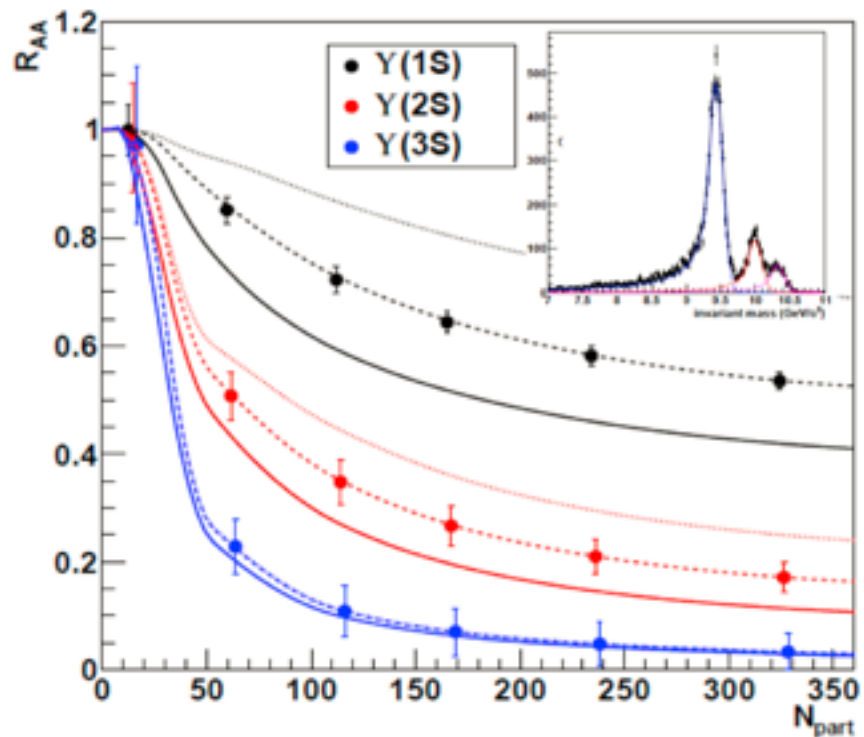
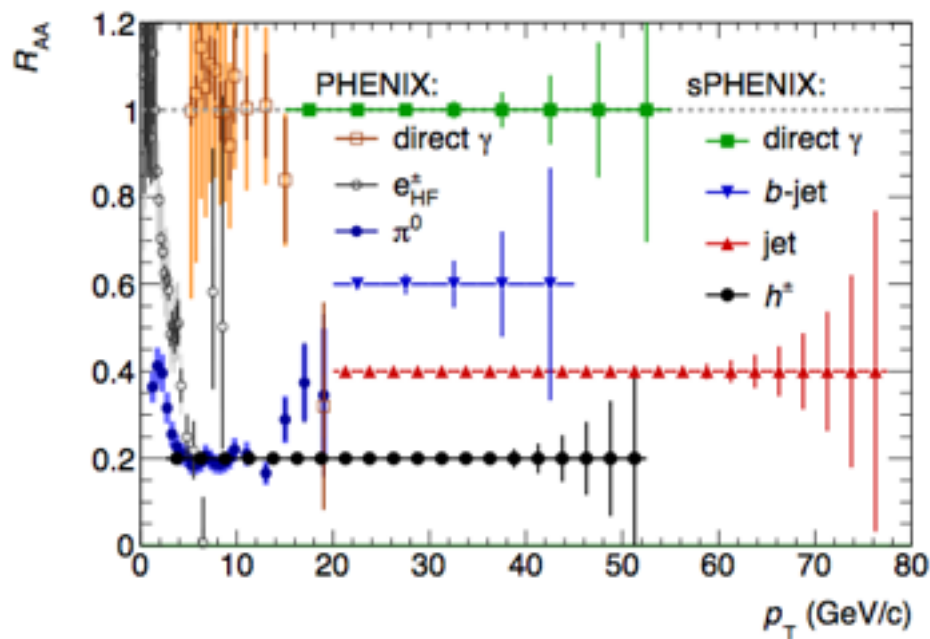
Jets probe sub-thermal length scales

Upsilon states probe thermal length scales

Jets & Upsilon states

sPHENIX
capabilities

**Complete calorimetric
jet spectroscopy**



**Completely resolved
Upsilon spectroscopy**

The Strategy

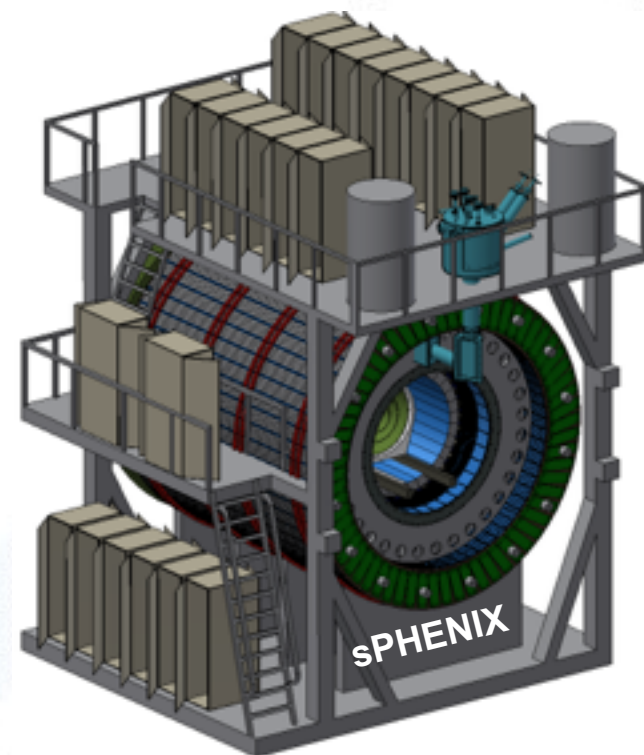
Completing the RHIC science mission

Status: RHIC-II configuration is complete

- Vertex detectors in STAR (HFT) and PHENIX
- Luminosity reaches 25x design luminosity

Plan: Complete the RHIC mission in 3 campaigns:

- 2014–17: Heavy flavor probes of the QGP using the micro-vertex detectors; Transverse spin physics
- 2018: Install low energy e-cooling
- 2019/20: High precision scan of the QCD phase diagram & search for critical point
- Install sPHENIX
- Probe QGP with precision measurements of jet quenching and Upsilon suppression
- Spin physics and initial conditions at forward rapidities with p+p and p+A collisions ?
- Transition to eRHIC



RHIC remains a unique discovery facility

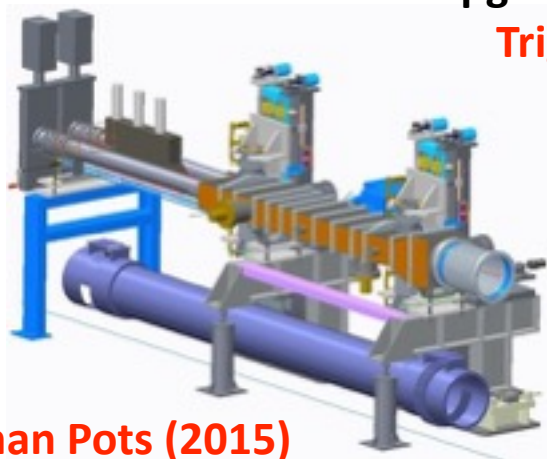
Proposed run schedule for RHIC

Years	Beam Species and	Science Goals	New Systems
2014	Au+Au at 15 GeV Au+Au at 200 GeV ³ He+Au at 200 GeV	Heavy flavor flow, energy loss, thermalization, etc. Quarkonium studies QCD critical point search	Electron lenses 56 MHz SRF STAR HFT STAR MTD
2015-16	p↑+p↑ at 200 GeV p↑+Au, p↑+Al at 200 GeV High statistics Au+Au d(p)+Au energy scan	Extract $\eta/s(T)$ + constrain initial quantum fluctuations Complete heavy flavor studies Sphaleron tests Parton saturation tests	PHENIX MPC-EX STAR FMS preshower Roman Pots Coherent e-cooling test
2017	p↑+p↑ at 510 GeV Ru+Ru vs. Zr+Zr (A=96)	Transverse spin physics Sign change in Sivers function Iso-bar test of chiral magnetic effect	
2018	No Run		Low energy e-cooling install. STAR iTPC upgrade?
2019-20	Au+Au at 5-20 GeV (BES-2)	Search for QCD critical point and onset of deconfinement	Low energy e-cooling iTPC Event plane detector
2021-22	Au+Au at 200 GeV p↑+p↑, p↑+Au at 200 GeV	Jet, di-jet, γ -jet probes of parton transport and energy loss mechanism Color screening for different quarkonia Forward spin & initial state physics	sPHENIX Forward upgrades ?
≥ 2023 ?	No Runs		Transition to eRHIC

STAR Upgrades and Performance Enhancements

Incremental upgrades/enhancements can have big impact!

Trigger/DAQ x2 throughput



Roman Pots (2015)

Tag diffractive protons

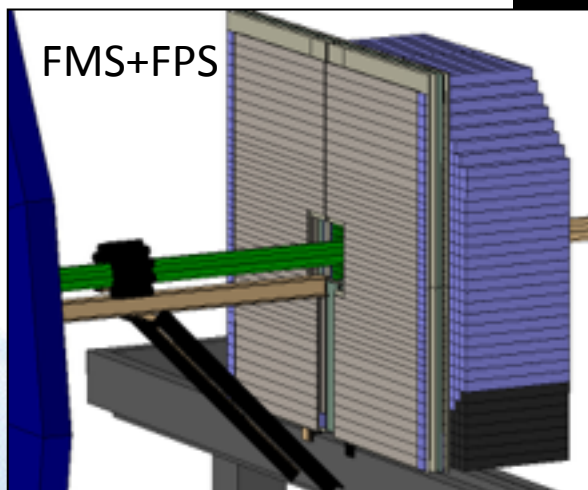
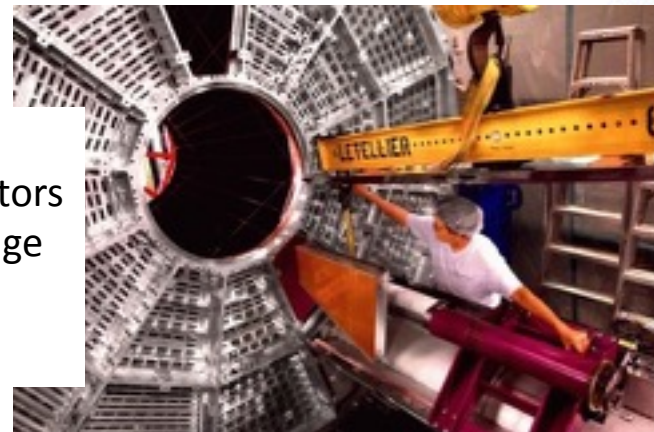
iTPC upgrade (2018)

Replace inner TPC Sectors

Extend rapidity coverage

Better particle ID

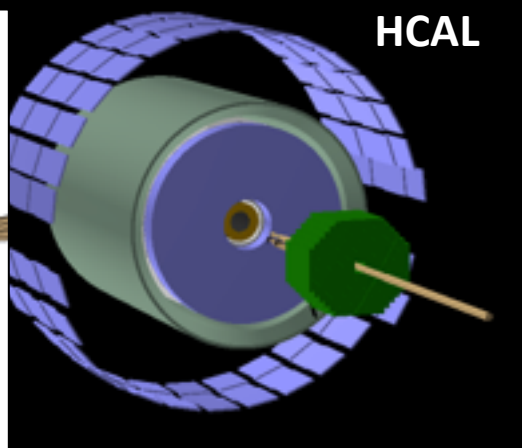
Low p_T coverage



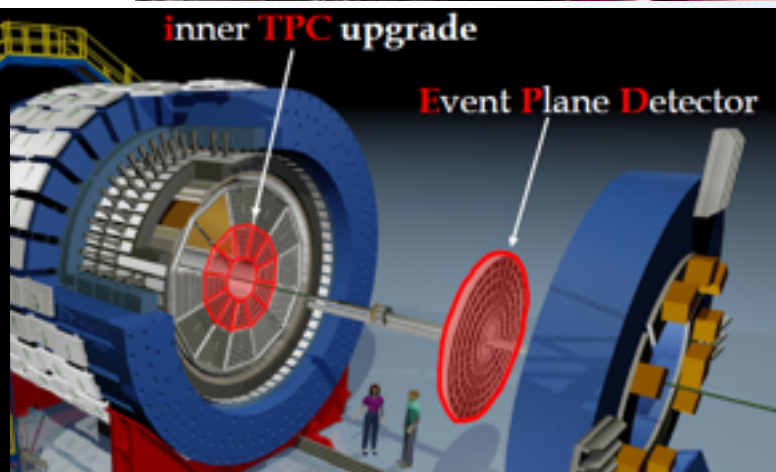
FMS + pre-shower (2015)

A_N photon, jets, Drell-Yan; ridge, fluctuation, spectators

Refurbished HCAL (2016--2020)



HCAL



Event Plane Detector (2018)

Improved Event Plane Resolution

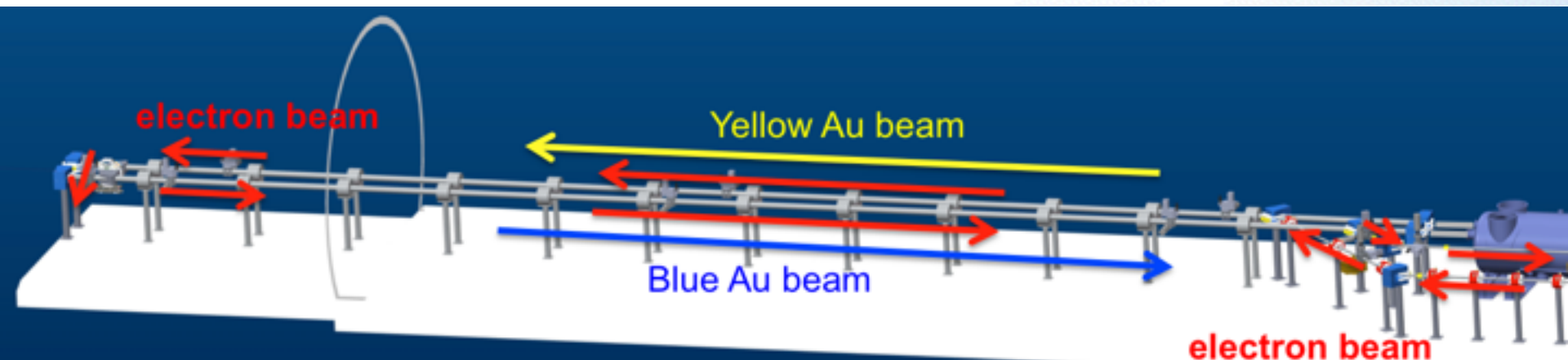
Centrality definition

Improved trigger

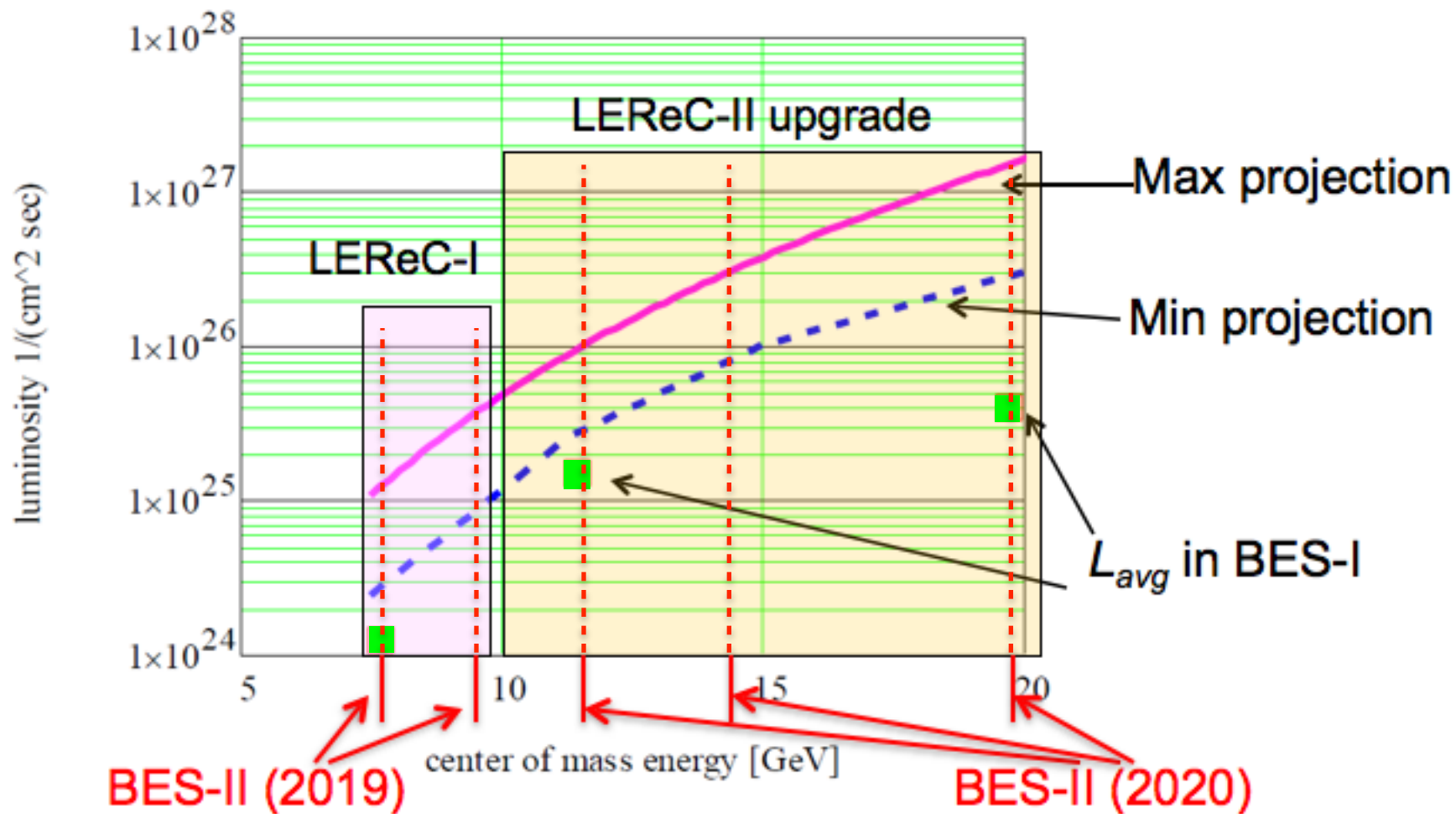
Background rejection

Low Energy e-Cooling for Au+Au

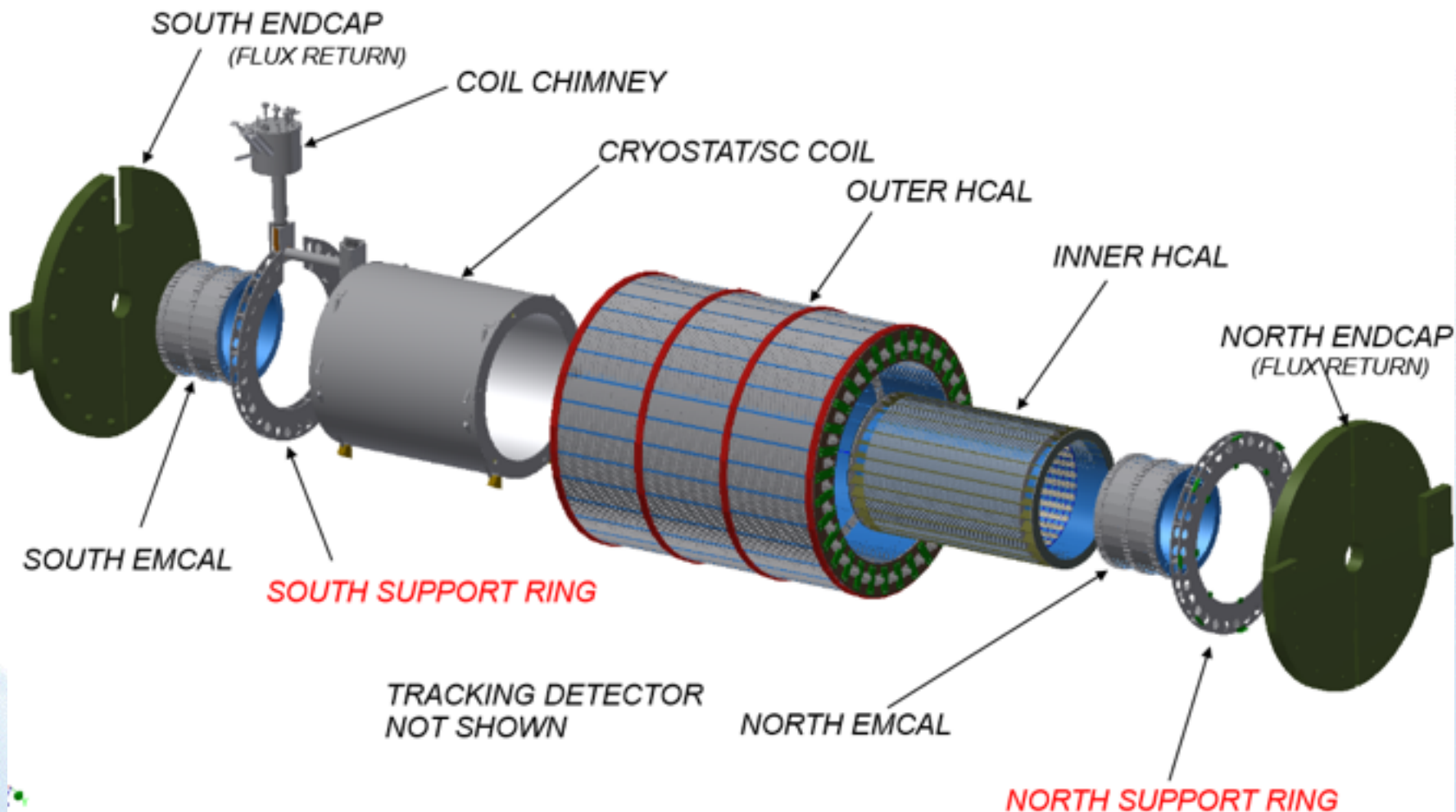
- Cooling of low energy heavy ion beams (3.8–10 GeV/n) with bunched electron beam increases luminosity by up factor 10
- Enables a QCD critical point search with a high statistics Beam Energy Scan
- Use either SRF electron gun or Cornell DC electron gun (for risk mitigation) and existing SRF cavity for cost effective implementation
- Stage 1: $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \leq 10$ GeV; stage 2: $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \leq 20$ GeV
- Cost: \$8.3M (stage 1)
- Complete installation in 2018, use in low energy RHIC runs in 2019-20



BES-II luminosity



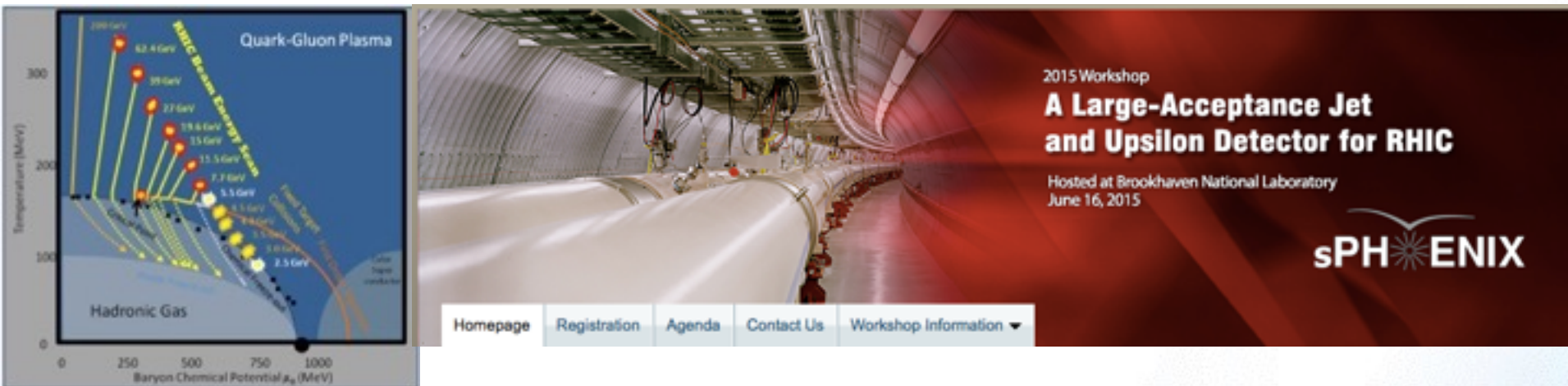
sPHENIX exploded view



BaBar magnet @ BNL



Collaboration Management



No hard barriers to membership in more than one RHIC project

- Collaboration rules do not prohibit “dual” membership
- STAR is open to admitting members of PHENIX interested, e.g., in the physics of the beam energy scan
 - Some groups have already switched, e.g. Stony Brook Chemistry
- STAR is open to membership in both STAR and “sPHENIX” construction
 - Several STAR member groups have expressed interest in new detector.

STAR has been charged to reevaluate by October 2015 its physics potential after the Beam Energy Scan Phase 2

sPHENIX Detector Workshop

June 16 Workshop at BNL:

A Large-Acceptance Jet and Upsilon Detector for RHIC

- Information for those interested in joining a new collaboration for a detector around the BaBar magnet
- Discussion of collaboration forming process (provisional IB formation, working groups, preparation of constitutive meeting in late summer)
- Connection to community interested in Day-1 detector for EIC
- Agenda at <https://indico.bnl.gov/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=1191>

New collaboration is open to all this who are interested. So far, >60 institutions (including many international ones) have declared interest. Provisional institutional board will meet soon to decide on path forward.

Budget issues

- As expected, we have used up RHIC Ops carry-over
 - Modest shortfall in RHIC Ops funds at end of FY15 expected
 - Need to reprogram ~\$1.5M AIP/CE FY15 funds to Operations
 - (>6% SLR increase, Run-14 electricity cost, BLIP, SMD labor)
- House FY16 budget would not allow for 22 week run
 - With PB and 22 week run: budgetary consequences
 - Minimal funding to run 15 weeks (\$171.5M)
- RHIC experiments: Reduce staff by ~10 to match B/A.
- Committee looks into allocation of expt'l operation funds between Physics & C-AD
- Nuclear theory: remains un(der)funded by ~\$1M
 - Stratmann not yet replaced (but promising candidate identified)
 - Strategic planning in progress (including role of RBRC)

Summary: Completing the RHIC mission

- **A unique forefront science program with continued discovery potential**
- **Quantify the transport properties of the QGP *near* T_c using heavy quarks as probes (together with LHC)**
- **Measure gluon and sea quark contributions to proton spin and explore transverse momentum-spin dynamics of QCD**
- **High statistics map of the QCD phase diagram, including search for a possible critical point**
- **Probe internal structure of the *most liquid* QGP using fully reconstructed jets and resolved Upsilon states as probes (together with LHC)**
- **Refine the physics program of an EIC with studies of *polarized* pp and pA collisions in forward kinematics?**
- **RHIC enabled R&D to retire major risks of eRHIC design**

Additional slides

What RHIC will deliver

■ Campaign 1 (2014-17):

- QCD equation of state at $\mu_B \approx 0$
- Precision measurement of $\eta/s(T \approx T_c)$
- Measurement of heavy quark diffusion constant $D_{c/b}$
- Measurement of x-dependence of nuclear granularity
- Origin of single spin asymmetries
- Δg , flavor dependence of spin in the quark sea

■ Campaign 2 (2019-20):

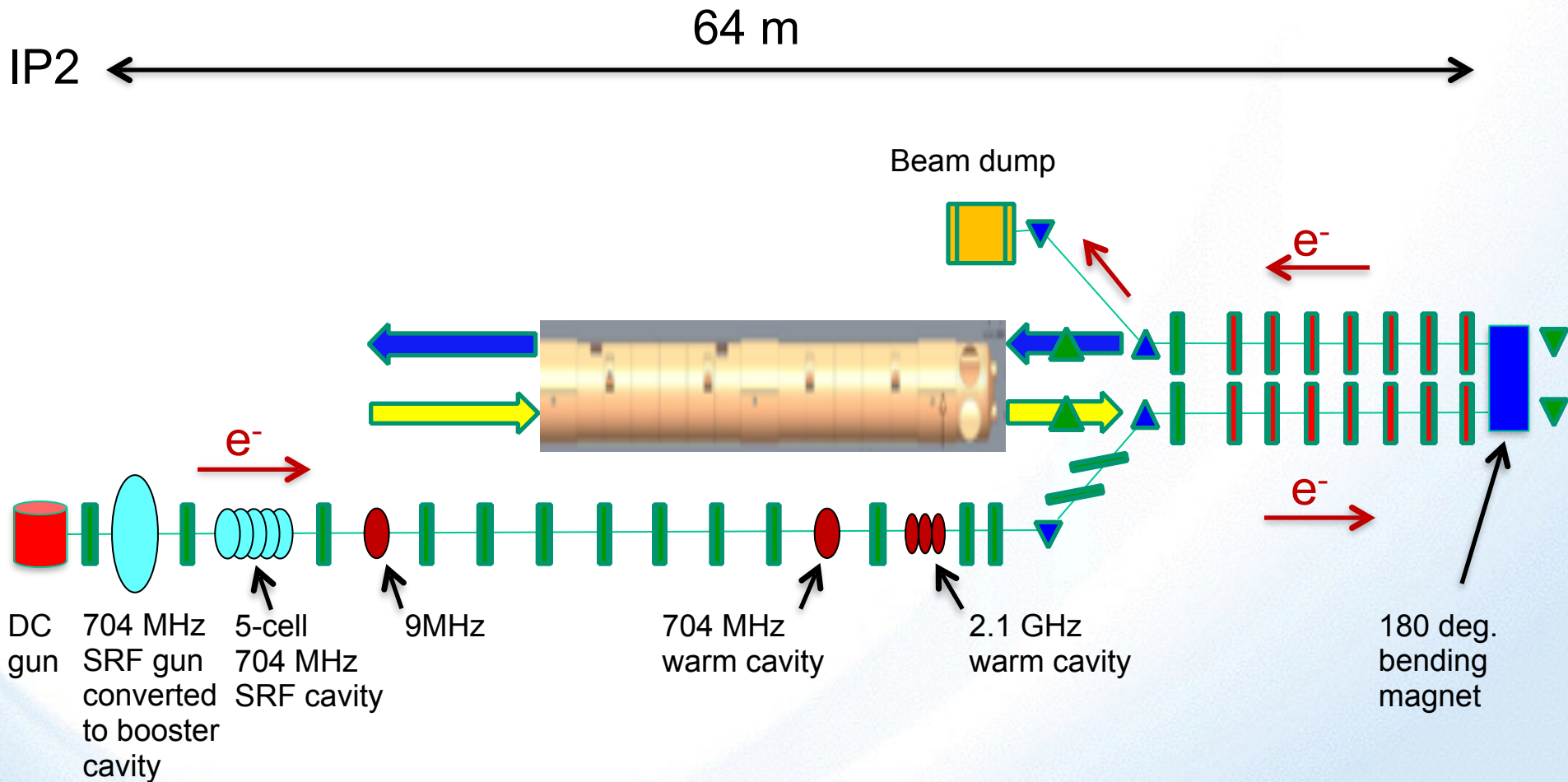
- QCD equation of state at $\mu_B > 0$
- Discovery of the QCD critical point, if within the accessible range

■ Campaign 3 (2021-22):

- Precision measurement of $q^*(T \approx T_c)$ and $e^*(T \approx T_c)$
- Determine length scale where the QGP becomes a liquid
- Many additional insights we can't even anticipate yet !

LEReC-I (1.6-2MeV): Gun to dump

SRF gun used as a booster cavity



LEReC-II (energy upgrade to 5 MeV): ERL mode of operation

